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Prize home smoked out

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Nearby pot farm leads charity to offer $1.3M instead

The house is off the table, but you could win a million dollars instead.

The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation has pulled a prize home in Markham from its lottery after discovering that a neighbouring homeowner has a Health Canada licence to grow marijuana for personal consumption. The organization learned Friday that the prize house, at 39 Jeffrey Nihda Cres. in Markham, was on a street where there have been multiple complaints against the licensed pot farm.

"There are a number of issues tied to the neighbouring house, but all are associated with the owner's growing of marijuana," said foundation spokesman Kevin Shea. "As we are to understand, mould and other like issues are all part of that practice, just like the aroma."

The foundation said the home, featured as one of its advertised properties in the spring 2016 Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Home Lottery, has been immediately withdrawn from the lottery and will no longer be open to the public for viewing.

Instead, the foundation said it will replace the home with a cash prize of equivalent value: $1.285 million in cash, plus a bonus of $25,000, for a prize total of more than $1.3 million.

"Naturally, we are very disappointed," said foundation vice-president Christine Laksy. "We believe our decision is the most appropriate and responsible action."

Under new marijuana production rules that took effect on April 1, 2014, Health Canada no longer issues licences for marijuana to be grown in residential neighbourhoods.

But growers who received their residential licences before the change in legislation have been allowed to continue growing pot in homes, thanks to a federal court injunction.

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Goodwill shut down, but will to help remains

Gladys Okine is one of the former Goodwill employees leading an effort to raise money for people who lost their jobs when the charity closed. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

UNEMPLOYMENT

Ex-employees raise $100K for those who lost jobs abruptly

Gilbert Ngabo
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Goodwill is gone, but the good will remains.

Weeks after the charity abruptly closed, costing nearly 500 jobs, former employees have come together to help the most vulnerable of their peers.

Known as Team Renew the Good, the group of 15 volunteers has raised more than $100,000 in pledges and is distributing the money — close to $15,000 so far — to former co-workers who need help.

Gladys Okine, Goodwill's former director of donor relations, helped start the effort.

She spent five years working with the agency, which cited a "cash flow crisis" as the reason for its closure last month.

The nonprofit is filing for bankruptcy and many of the former employees are still waiting on the documents they need to apply for EI benefits.

At Goodwill, many of the jobs were custom-designed to suit people's abilities, Okine said.

"We knew right after the closure that it would be really difficult for those people to keep up," she said.

> **The situation is quite traumatic for a lot of people.**
> Gladys Okine

Renew the Good is operating through the Working Women Community Centre to distribute money collected through the fundraising campaign.

The goal is to reach 200 former workers, offering money to help cover rent, food and medications.

To receive money, people must, among other things, show proof they worked for the agency. The minimum amount of help being offered to each person who qualifies is $100.

"That's what Goodwill was meant to stand for," Okine said about reaching out to offer help. "It may take me a while to get a job, but I will. I have a family. Many of these people are just on their own.

"The situation is quite traumatic for a lot of people."

HOW TO HELP

Donations can be made online through gofundme.com/renewthegood

LABOUR

City workers offer new deal amid negotiations

With a strike or lockout possible as early as Friday, unions representing more than 28,000 City of Toronto workers have tabled a new offer they say drops demands for improved benefits.

Negotiators for CUPE Local 79, representing 23,100 inside workers, and Local 416, representing 5,400 outside workers, separately made the offer to negotiators for the city Wednesday morning.

Meeting with the Toronto Star's editorial board, Tim Maguire of Local 79 and Matt Alloway, of Local 416, said the offer is essentially to "stand pat" on their 2012 contracts, which extracted heavy concessions.

Demands for improved benefits have been dropped, they said, except for better mental-health help for paramedics — a need identified in a report by the city's ombudsman.

Their offer includes a "modest" salary hike, measures to improve job stability for part-time and full-time temporary workers, and no concessions over the 2012 contract.

"In our framework today that we proposed, we made drastic changes to our original position," Alloway said.

"We want to avoid a service disruption."

At city hall, Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong said the offer isn't good enough. The city needs the union to make concessions on benefits and more, he said, to help council contain costs and keep property taxes low.

When asked why the John Tory administration did not take a similar tough line with the police association in talks last year, given that police costs are the biggest driver of the budget, Minnan-Wong pointed to a newly appointed task force and said it will find police cost savings.

Tim Maguire, president of CUPE Local 79, left, and **Matt Alloway,** representing CUPE Local 416. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local 416 members could legally strike, or be locked out by the city, starting at 12:01 a.m. Friday. Inside workers will be in the same position one day later.

However, there is nothing that prevents bargaining from continuing.

Maguire said it would be destructive for the city to either force his members to vote on a final offer, or arbitrarily impose new terms or conditions on them.

Both Maguire and Alloway said that, if the city forces a vote on a non-negotiated settlement, they'll tell their members to shoot it down.

"If the city moves forward on terms and conditions of employment, it sends a very dangerous message to labour relations in the city," Maguire said.

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CRIME

Man who fell through Keg Mansion window dies

A man who fell through a stained-glass window at the Keg Mansion restaurant has died of his injuries, police say.

Officers were called to the steakhouse, near Jarvis Street and Wellesley Street E. just before 7 a.m. Sunday and found the man unconscious in the lobby.

An investigation determined that he had broken into the restaurant and fell through a window on the third floor.

Police say the intruder, a 23-year-old from Mississauga, died Monday.

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Aiming to crack cold cases

Toronto police are hoping the Internet can help solve some of their cold cases. The service launched an updated version of its cold case website on Wednesday, featuring unsolved homicides dating back to 1959. The new site is more interactive, and police will be showcasing some of the more than 500 cases on social media in a bid to get new information. These are some of the more high-profile cases still waiting to be solved.

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1 D'Mitre Barnaby (2011)

A recent immigrant to Toronto, Barnaby's only crime was a passing resemblance to a member of the infamous Galloway Boys gang.

The 24-year-old Barnaby was gunned down Dec. 30, 2011, on Lawrence Avenue East in a case of mistaken identity that police believe was connected to the earlier Danzig Street shooting.

2 Nanthieashan Dharmaratnam (2010)

Dharmaratnam, 25, was beaten to death in a North York parking lot on March 13, 2010. Like about 30 other cold cases in Toronto, Dharmaratnam's has a suspect: Seran Kasilingham, who was 28 at the time of the murder. Kasilingham has eluded arrest, and police are hoping the new cold case website will lead to information about his whereabouts.

3 Cassandra Do (2003)

On Aug. 25, 2003, the body of Do was found inside an apartment at 60 Gloucester St. Police said Do worked in the sex trade, and investigators believe she was strangled to death during a sexual assault.

Do's case is one of at least six cold cases where police have DNA evidence, meaning all they need to bring her killer to justice is a name, Det. Sgt. Stacy Gallant said.

4 Patricia Lupton (1959)

One of the oldest cold cases on file in the city, 12-year-old Lupton's body was discovered on the side of the road in Scarborough on March 9, 1959. She was last seen two hours earlier leaving her house for Kennedy Park Plaza.

5 Larry Terry Roberts (1980)

Roberts was a Brinks security guard shot to death in a robbery on April 24, 1980, at the Agincourt Mall.

Among the hundreds of cold cases in Toronto, Roberts' is one of only a few where a reward has been offered. Any information leading to an arrest could lead to a reward of $50,000.

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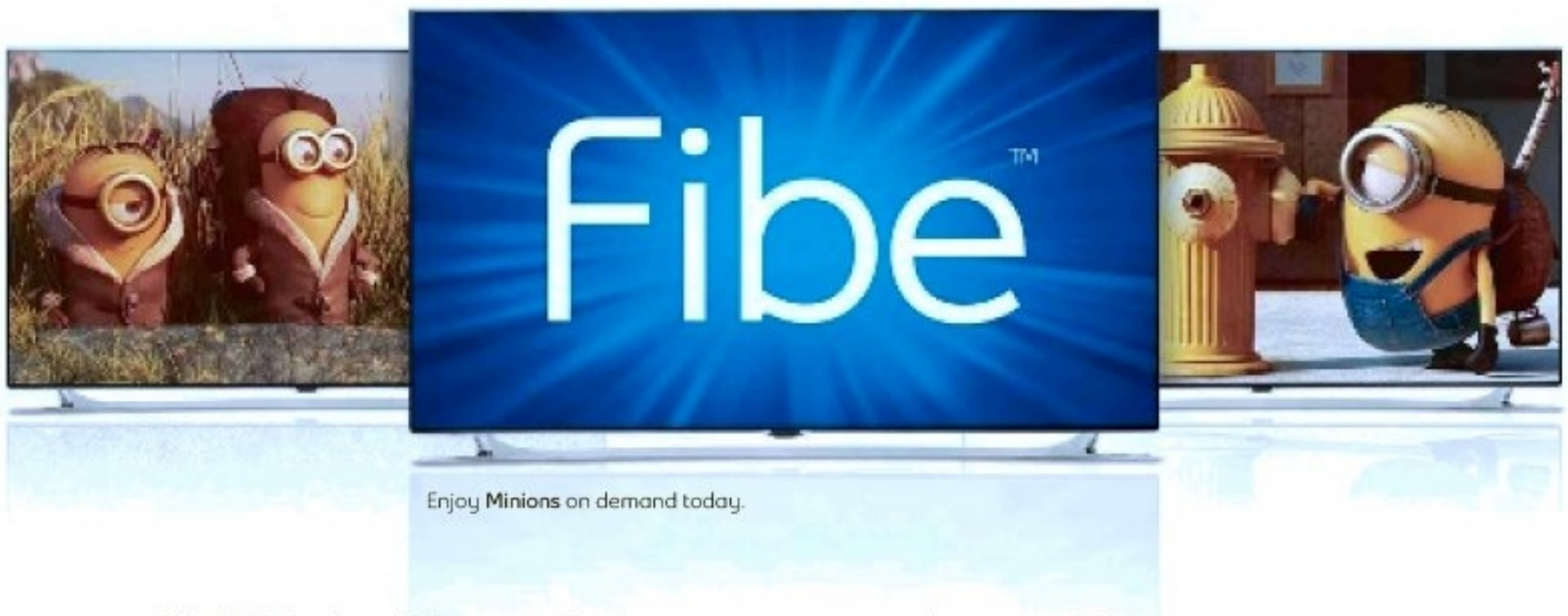

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Support for jailed pastor

NORTH KOREA

Hyeon Soo Lim of Mississauga serving life sentence

The federal government said Wednesday it has found a way to visit a Canadian pastor in a North Korean prison, where he is serving a life sentence.

Hyeon Soo Lim, a pastor with the Light Korean Presbyterian Church of Mississauga, Ont., was recently sentenced by a North Korean court to life in prison at hard labour for what it called crimes against the state.

Joseph Pickerill, a spokesman for Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion, said consular officials have managed to provide assistance to Lim and his family.

"We are grateful that we were able to visit him," Pickerill said in an email, but he did not elaborate. "In the interest of Mr. Lim's case, no further information can be shared."

Earlier Wednesday, Conservative foreign affairs critic Tony Clement said the government could use an intermediary country to speak directly to North Korea "at the highest levels." Clement said the Conservatives do not view Lim's imprisonment as a partisan issue and want to work with the government to secure his release.

Omar Alghabra, Dion's parliamentary secretary on consular affairs, told the House of Commons he planned to meet with supporters of Lim who had come to Ottawa to advocate for him.

Among other things, Lim was charged with harming the dignity of North Korea's supreme leader and trying to use religion to destroy the country's system.

Last month, CNN was granted extraordinary access to Lim and broadcast a televised interview in which he described his eight-hour-a-day, six-day-a-week regime of hard labour and said his North Korean jailers had yet to honour his request for a Bible.

About 300 supporters held a prayer service Wednesday on the lawn of Parliament Hill, calling on the government to take more action at a higher level to ask for his freedom. They brought a petition with 165,000 signatures calling for his release.

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Members of Rev. Lim's congregation pray on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday, as they call for his release from prison in North Korea. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **In the interest of Mr. Lim's case, no further information can be shared.**
> Joseph Pickerill, spokesperson for Stephane Dion

Hyeon Soo Lim is escorted to his sentencing in Pyongyang, North Korea, in December. JON CHOL JIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

No grounds to charge police in death: SIU

The Special Investigations Unit says there are no reasonable grounds to lay charges against OPP who responded when paramedics in Markdale found a 43-year-old man in a physically agitated state and unresponsive to directions.

The man was handcuffed, strapped to a backboard and taken to Grey Bruce Health Services, where he stopped breathing and was pronounced dead.

A post-mortem later determined the man died of a methamphetamine overdose. SIU director Tony Loparco says he's satisfied that the officers acted reasonably to protect the man and others from harm.

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Police seek Ajax woman

Police are looking for 24-year-old Tiffany Silva after a man was stabbed numerous times in Ajax. Durham Regional Police say anyone who sees Silva should immediately call them and not approach her.

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Toronto's tax hike on the way

BUDGET

The average increase for property owners is $72

Toronto homeowners will see their property taxes rise by 1.3 per cent, plus a surcharge for the Scarborough subway, after Mayor John Tory fought back attempts to get a bigger hike.

Council voted 30-13 Wednesday in favour of the hike, which will add $34 to the bill for the owner of an average detached home.

However, with shifts in property assessment and a 0.6-per-cent Scarborough subway levy, the average increase will be $72.26.

Several councillors tried to push the hike higher, noting that even a small bump could pay for subsidized child-care spaces and other council priorities left out of Tory's proposed budget.

On the other side, Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti failed to get anybody to vote with him for a zero increase.

Tory was elected in 2014 vowing to keep residential tax increases at or below the rate of inflation.

That rate for Toronto was 1.3 per cent, but as several councillors noted has since risen.

Tory said he tried to bring a balanced approach to the process.

"I think this budget and the tax rate do that," he said. "It respects the fact that some people are struggling to pay any increase at all, but it also respects the fact that we need to make the investments in poverty reduction, in housing, in transit . . ."

Councillor Joe Cressy argued for a bigger hike to fund more service improvements and put Toronto's budget on a more sustainable footing in future.

"Whenever we talk about taxes, the bogeyman comes out," Cressy said.

"We're always told Torontonians can't afford more taxes."

But the Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina councillor says his constituents tell him Toronto can't afford growing inequality, aging infrastructure and big waiting lists for social housing and more.

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APPROVED

As of 10 p.m. Wednesday city council approved a balanced $10.1-billion operating budget that focuses on investments in transit, housing, and poverty reduction.

Coun. Michael Thompson led a motion to divert $25 million to other services like transit from the $1 billion to be spent on police. His motion was defeated. KEITH BEATY/TORONTO STAR

Mayor John Tory
RICK MADONIK/TORONTO STAR

CRIME

City votes to spend $1 billion on police

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

If Toronto politicians were looking to reduce crime, tax dollars would have been better spent on the city's anti-poverty plan than a ballooning police budget, one researcher says.

Studies of crime rates around the world show they are determined mostly by poverty and not by what the police force is — or isn't —doing, said Jooyoung Lee, a University of Toronto sociology professor who studies crime.

City councillors voted late Wednesday evening to spend more than $1 billion on police in 2016.

Coun. Michael Thompson led the charge to see that reduced by as much as $25 million and divert the money to a variety of other services, ranging from the student nutrition program to the TTC. His proposal was defeated by council, 28 votes to 12.

Mayor John Tory and police Chief Mark Saunders said Thompson's proposed cuts to the police budget would put community safety at risk.

But when it comes to lowering crime, "anti-poverty programs are as important, if not more important than police programs," Lee said.

Saunders said Wednesday that a $25 million cut would mean 400 fewer officers on the street. Those acting with "urgency" to trim the budget are "ill-informed," he said, adding that making drastic cuts while preserving safety would require a remodeling of the force.

The police services board announced this week that it's formed a task force to do just that.

But, its recommendations on how the force can become more modern and more won't be ready for this year's budget.

> **I don't think anyone likes to see expenditures growing and growing ...**
> David Soknacki

Among the task force members is David Soknacki, a former city councillor who ran in the last mayoral election and campaigned on finding police efficiencies.

The police budget could have been trimmed immediately, he said Wednesday, and he's sympathetic to the councillors who are frustrated.

"I would think that the vast majority of Torontonians are sympathetic, and the mayor and chief of police are as well," Soknacki said.

"I don't think anyone likes to see expenditures growing and growing and growing without a detailed way of evaluating if it's the right thing to do."

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$10.1 billion
Toronto's total operating budget.

About 39%
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$29 million
in new and enhanced services included in this year's budget.

$8 million
for poverty reduction is part of that $29 million.

$21 billion
is the total capital budget, but that leaves $22 billion of unfunded projects.

OMBUDSMAN

Brampton council votes to investigate development deal

Brampton councillors voted 10-1 Wednesday to ask Ontario's ombudsman to investigate a $500-million downtown development deal that has mired city hall in controversy since 2011.

The vote came after an hour of confusion among staff and council about the ombudsman's new powers to investigate municipalities, and whether or not a motion last year by Mayor Linda Jeffrey for a provincial investigation focused specifically on the downtown deal or was a general request to look at any possible wrongdoing in land deals.

"I didn't vote for him or her to come in and look all over the city," said Councillor Grant Gibson, referring to Jeffrey's successful motion in May calling for a full public inquiry, under the Public Inquiries Act, into real estate transactions and procurements by the city.

The province later turned down that request, saying the Ombudsman's office itself would be a better avenue for such a probe as of Jan. 1, when it gained new power to investigate municipalities.

Jeffrey's motion followed a $308,000 investigation into the downtown project by external investigator George Rust-D'Eye, who had been hired near the end of the previous council term under former mayor Susan Fennell — the main council proponent of the development deal with builder Dominus.

His report was later dismissed as a "whitewash" by some current councillors, who said it had failed to properly address their key concerns.

Gibson and three other councillors said they were under the impression Jeffrey's motion focused solely on the downtown development, saying it's the only issue that has drawn council allegations of wrongdoing.

But Councillor Gael Miles recalled that she'd asked Jeffrey during the May meeting whether her motion included even the possibility of a probe of the downtown deal, and "She said 'no'."

Jeffrey, asked to clarify her intentions, said nothing during Wednesday's debate, but later told the Star her motion didn't include the downtown deal because the matter was before the courts in a lawsuit.

"I felt I couldn't commit the Ombudsman to do the investigation."

Jeffrey joined in supporting Sprovieri's motion asking the Ombudsman to investigate the deal, while Miles registered the sole vote against it.

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Mayor Linda Jeffrey
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IMMIGRATION

Ex-caregiver, now a citizen, can't sponsor own family

Marcelina Gilles wants her husband and kids in Canada. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Seventeen years after Marcelina Gilles came to Toronto from the Philippines to care for other people's kids, she's still desperately fighting for a chance to care for her own.

"I will be 61 in March. I am not young any more. When will I be able to reunite with my family here?" a tearful Gilles asks.

The former live-in caregiver, who came to Canada in 1999 — when her kids were just 11, 10 and 8 — has been battling with the immigration department to have them join her here since she qualified to apply for permanent residency in 2002.

Her kids, Michelle, Joshua and Anicee, are now 28, 27 and 25, and all three are parents themselves — and she's still fighting.

"Marcelina has been trapped in different sets of rules that have all worked against her," said Gilles' immigration lawyer, Patricia Wells, who has been representing her since 2006. "The delay is not her fault. There are no good reasons why the processing should have taken so long."

Although she finally became a citizen last year, her epic battle with Canadian officials drags on.

A registered nurse in Manila, Gilles was in her 40s when she came here under what was then the live-in caregiver program, which gave foreign caregivers — and their immediate family abroad — access to permanent resident status after they met the minimum two-year live-in employment hours.

After applying for permanent residency in 2002, her application was rejected. Her husband, Lolito Bonifacio, was diagnosed with chronic renal failure and did not pass the medical exam.

She continued to work in Canada to support her family until 2006, when her work permit expired. However, she was allowed to remain here while her permanent residence application under humanitarian and compassionate (H&C) grounds was being processed.

It took the immigration department five years to finally issue Gilles her permanent status in 2011, which would allow her to sponsor her family.

"The live-in caregiver program automatically included all family members, but the H&C application can't include anyone else. Just the H&C processing took Marcelina five years," said Wells. "She has been waiting for the processing of the sponsorship ever since. In the meantime, her children have all aged out (and can no longer be considered dependants)."

> **Marcelina has been trapped in different sets of rules.**
> Lawyer Patricia Wells

Under changes to the law by the former Conservative government in 2014, children must be 18 or younger to be considered dependants (reduced from 21).

To try to meet the income threshold to sponsor her family — her husband, three kids and three grandchildren — Gilles said she had worked 78 hours a week until December, when the husband of the elderly couple she cared for passed away.

The immigration department noted Gilles included seven dependants on her application, though her income could support only herself and three dependants. To sponsor seven family members, the sponsor must make $80,153 a year. Gilles made roughly $63,000 annually in the few past years.

"The department contacted Ms. Gilles and informed her that her income was only sufficient to support a family of four. She was also told that four of the dependants on her applications were likely ineligible to be sponsored as they no longer met the department's definition of a dependant," department spokesman Remi Lariviere said in an email.

"I have worked all my life to improve the life of my family, so my children could go to school and have a more comfortable life," Gilles says.

"I cry a lot because the family is always separated."

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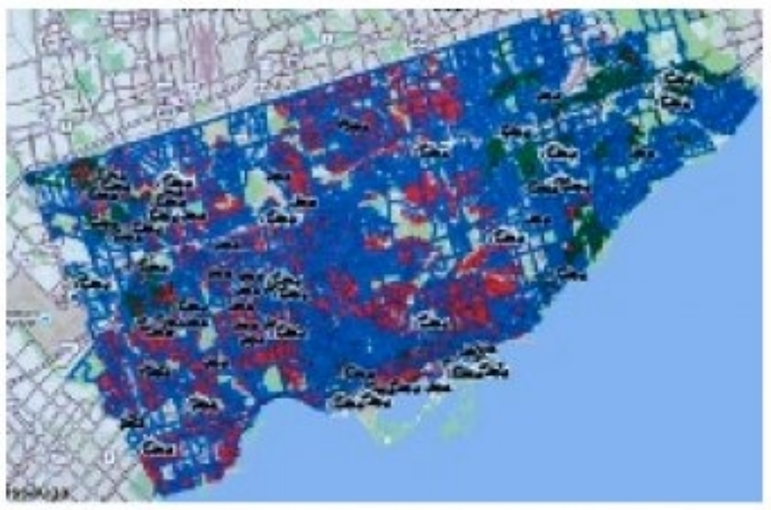
PlowTO allows online viewers to follow plows. SCREENSHOT

OPEN DATA

Grab the popcorn and watch the plow

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Call it snow plow and chill.

Toronto residents stuck inside during a snow storm have a new source of entertainment: watching municipal snowplows move through the city in real time.

The city's latest open data tool, PlowTO, maps the live progress of the city's 1,600 snowplows. Users can spot the plow nearest them and track when their street was most recently cleared or salted.

"It's extremely entertaining," joked Rachel Lissner, as she followed the progress of a snowplow down York Street Wednesday.

Lissner posted about the map on Facebook shortly after it launched last week.

"I think six people liked it. It got a lukewarm response, but I was really excited," she said.

Lissner's Facebook friends aside, the app has proven popular with residents, said Stephen Buckley, the city's transportation manager.

During Tuesday's snowy weather, about 6,000 people checked out the map online.

INDIGENOUS SENSITIVITY

Province mandates training

Ontario is introducing mandatory indigenous cultural sensitivity and anti-racism training for all public service employees, in response to recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The province is also developing a plan to ensure that the impact of residential schools, the history of colonization and the importance of treaties is added to the curriculum in Ontario's public schools.

The training is designed to help develop policies and programs to redress the legacy of residential schools, advance reconciliation with indigenous communities and make a real difference in the lives of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people.

The government says in a release that it will include topics such as terminology, diversity, aspects of colonial history such as residential schools, and also focus on violence against indigenous women.

It says the Ministry of Education will make school curriculum changes in collaboration with First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities and other partners. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beware of cab luring

POLICE

Be cautious amid reports of men posing as Uber drivers

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Toronto police are warning people to check the make and plate of strangers' cars before jumping in after a report of someone impersonating an Uber driver began circulating online.

"People need to take personal precautions," said Chris Boddy, an inspector with the Toronto police customer service unit. "Even if you've ordered a car, you have to make sure you're getting in the right vehicle.

A Toronto DJ and rapper who uses the stage name Rebecca Rocklynn said she was approached by two men in a car near Yonge and Bloor about 2:30 a.m. Sunday. The men told her they were the Uber ride she ordered. But, she hadn't ordered an Uber and refused to get in, Rocklynn told Metro. Rocklynn took a picture of the car's licence plate and contacted police. She also posted about the incident online, warning others.

A friend has since contacted her to report a similar incident with a car matching the same description, Rocklynn said.

Police consider the incident serious, saying it could be anything from a case of mischief to an attempted kidnapping. Boddy said anyone who's had a similar experience should contact police.

Susie Heath, a spokeswoman for Uber, said the company gives customers the driver's first name, car model and plate number as a safety tool.

> **If you have any concerns, don't get in.**
> Police Insp. Chris Boddy

Elvis Stojko during a 2002 performance at the Winter Olympics. Since the peak of his skating career, Stojko has moved on to acting and race car driving. JACQUES DEMARTHON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

CULTURELINK

Stojko skating lesson for refugees

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

This welcome could hardly get any more Canadian.

Nearly 200 Syrian refugees will get a skating lesson Saturday from one of the most proficient men on ice.

Three-time world champion figure skater Elvis Stojko will be at Harbourfront Centre for the session organized by CultureLink Toronto.

The agency has been using skating parties as a way to welcome newcomers to the city since 2012. It's part of their Wintegration program, which combines winter activities with integration.

"If you don't fall in love with Canadian winter you're probably never going to feel comfortable here," said Fei Tang, program manager.

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ALCOHOL

Province plans to let 300 stores sell wine

Ontario plans to double the number of stores where wine will be sold, starting with about 70 supermarkets by this fall.

Sources say Premier Kathleen Wynne will visit a Toronto supermarket Thursday morning to announce that imported and domestic wines will be sold at up to 150 grocery stores across the province.

Another 150 existing wine stores that are currently just outside a grocery store checkout will be permitted to move inside the store and share the checkout.

Wynne will also announce that cider can be sold in any grocery store that sells beer, and that the program allowing Vintners Quality Alliance wines to be sold at farmers' markets will expand to include fruit wines and craft cider.

The expansion of wine and cider sales follows last year's decision by the Liberal government to allow some grocery stores to sell six packs of beer and to let the LCBO sell 12-packs in addition to the six-packs it had been retailing.

Wynne will be accompanied by Ed Clark, the former TD Bank executive who is now her special adviser on government assets, who has been examining ways to modernize alcohol sales.

Clark, who last year advised the government against privatizing the LCBO, had said wine was more difficult to tackle than beer because of international trade agreements such as NAFTA. THE CANADIAN PRESS

City leaders say they're confident that money for municipal infrastructure projects, including those that will improve public transit, will be a top priority in the Ontario budget when its tabled next week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

High hopes for Ontario's 2016 budget

FISCAL PLAN

Analysts say infrastructure, housing costs stay key issues

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

When it comes to divining what the looming provincial budget will mean for Toronto, observers say it's all about timing.

The province is tabling the budget next week, coinciding with budget deliberations in both Ottawa and Toronto.

Ryerson University politics professor Myer Siemiatycki believes that's a signal the province is ready to "re-own" responsibility for things like transit and social housing — costs that were downloaded to the city after amalgamation.

"They're trying to coordinate their contributions to some shared major expenditures," Siemiatycki said. "And I think the pressure to be seen to be doing something about the infrastructure deficit is a major factor."

In particular, Siemiatycki expects the province to shoulder some of the cost of affordable housing in Toronto.

"Toronto isn't just providing social housing for its own 2.5 million people, but really for all of the 6.5 million who live in GTA," he said. "Those who live in the 905 who find housing difficult to afford ironically come to Toronto because the city has the vast proportion of available social housing."

A spokesperson for Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa wouldn't discuss the content of the budget, but said cities "are receiving far greater financial support ... than they were receiving under the previous Progressive Conservative government."

Toronto politicians are confident the budget will be a boon for the city.

In a statement, Mayor John Tory said he "looks forward" to a budget with support for SmartTrack and some cash to help cover Toronto Community Housing's $2.5-billion repair backlog.

"There's definitely going to be a commitment to cities in the budget," echoed Coun. Josh Matlow.

$7.5 billion

The provincial budget is also expected to address the $7.5-billion deficit.

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Another U.S. senator pranked online

POLITICS

Unofficial Ted Cruz site makes jab at his roots in Canada

The U.S. presidential race just got a little more amusing, if that's possible.

The usual hallmarks of a conservative Republican candidate — religious devotion to protecting gun rights no matter how bad the statistics get, relentless mentions of securing the border, maybe some homophobic sentiment — are nowhere to be seen on TedCruzForAmerica.com. (Cruz's official website, tedcruz.org, continues to work).

Instead, the site is redirecting to the Canadian government's immigration page, which offers instructions on your eligibility and links to apply for citizenship.

Ironically, one of Donald Trump's most-commonly used barbs against Cruz is demanding he go back to Canada, his place of birth.

The redirect seems to be an attempt to undermine Cruz's political views, rather than a simple humorous move offering Americans a way out if he wins the Republican nomination and subsequently, the presidency.

The domain has previously redirected to the Human Rights Commission and U.S. government's health-care website, featuring the finer points of Obamacare.

The human rights redirect could be a reference to Cruz's views on abortion and criticism of Planned Parenthood.

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What you see at **TedCruzForAmerica.com.** SCREENGRAB

A video of a child's fall from a Whistler chairlift is making international headlines. YOUTUBE

WHISTLER

Boy's ski lift rescue goes global

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

The quick actions of a lift attendant and a group of volunteers helped save a boy from injury after he fell off a chairlift at Whistler Blackcomb resort on Monday.

The 11-year-old boy slipped from the Peak Express Chairlift on Whistler Mountain around 1:45 p.m. after leaning off the edge of the chair to pick up a ski pole he had dropped while loading, the resort said in a statement Wednesday.

As the lift began to rise, others on the chair, including the boy's uncle, were able to hold him up before he slipped off completely, the resort said.

Whistler Blackcomb said the attendant immediately stopped the lift and grabbed a piece of equipment called a "fireman's net."

With the help of other skiers and snowboarders, the attendant set the net up below the chair to catch the boy, the resort said, adding that every lift operator at Whistler Blackcomb is trained to use the equipment in emergency situations.

The resort said the boy dropped about six metres into the net, and was not injured in the fall.

The chair's safety bar was not yet lowered when the boy slipped, Whistler Blackcomb staff said in a statement, adding that safety is paramount for the resort.

A YouTube video capturing the incident has made international headlines since it was posted Monday.

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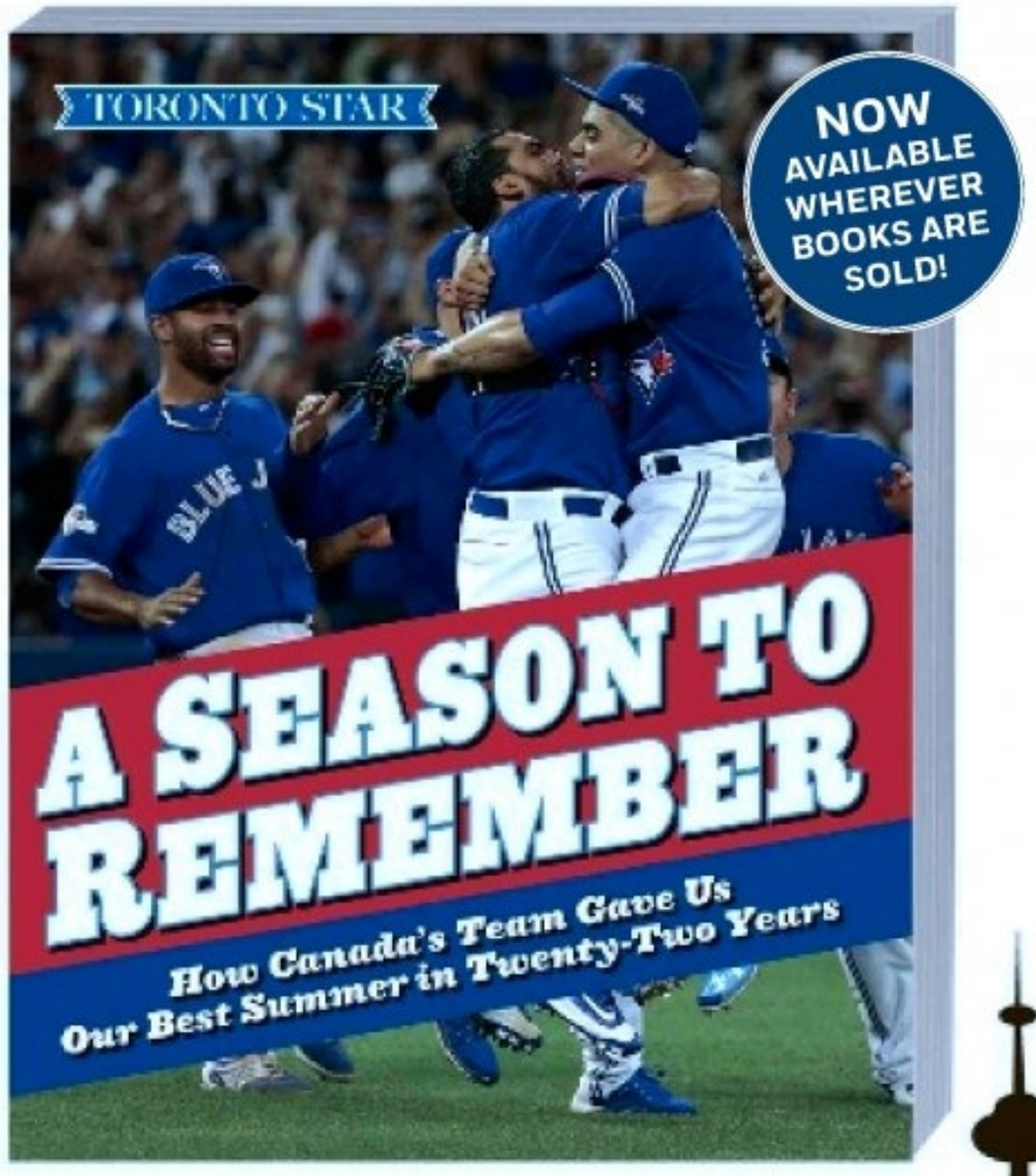

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Zoo otter death blamed on pants

CALGARY

Curator said staff broke protocol, were disciplined

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

An investigation by the Calgary Zoo has determined that 12-year-old otter Logan died last week after becoming tangled in a pair of pants.

The pants were an unauthorized enrichment item given to the otters, according to Colleen Baird, the Calgary Zoo's general curator.

"It was human error," she said. "It was given to them in the back area, they took them out to the pool, and our 12-year-old male otter Logan got tangled up in the pant leg and unfortunately drowned."

Baird said two staff members broke protocol and have since been disciplined.

It's not the first time accidents of this nature have occurred at the Calgary Zoo, according to watchdog and Zoocheck executive director Rob Laidlaw.

"They've had a lot of problems in the past, with doors closing on animals and gorillas with knives and you name it," he said. "Hopefully this is isolated and not part of all those problems that occurred in the past."

Laidlaw said this incident underlies the need for every person caring for these animals to make sure any sort of enrichment item doesn't pose a hazard to the animals.

Baird said authorized enrichment items include clams, mussels and PVC platforms to jump off of.

Logan, a 12-year-old North American river otter, died last week at the Calgary Zoo. COURTESY CALGARY ZOO

The otter habitat remains open to the public, though the remaining three otters will be monitored very closely for signs of distress following the death of Logan.

"So far they're behaving normally and acting fine," said Baird. "We're going to continue to monitor them as we do all animals here in the zoo. We're going to make sure we're not seeing any signs of odd behaviour."

BACKGROUND

Some other deaths at the Calgary Zoo:

October 2007:
An attempt to import a six-year-old hippo from the Denver Zoo goes bad when the animal dies less than a day after its 28-hour transfer.

December 2009:
A giant capybara is crushed to death in a holding area when a worker closes a hydraulic door.

September 2014:
A problem with an ozone sensor in the hippo pool is blamed for the deaths of 85 tilapia fish.

November 2014:
A five-month-old woodland caribou calf dies from complications related to sudden severe neck trauma.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

Police struggle to avoid blame game

Canadian police forces are grappling with the tricky task of keeping the public safe against sexual assaults without placing blame on the victims of traumatic crimes.

It's a delicate balance, as the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary recently found out after a public advisory warning about drugged drinks and potential sexual assaults in downtown St. John's.

The advisory offered safety tips for women that included socializing only with trusted friends and never leaving a drink unattended — and the force followed up with a tweet showing a martini and the message, "Don't be a victim."

"Classic example of #VictimBlaming ... Why not advise people not to drug each other?!" tweeted SPAAT, a self-described feminist organization in St. John's.

"Why is it up to women to always be on guard?" asked another post.

Lynn Moore, a lawyer specializing in sexual abuse litigation, said she found the image of the martini and its message particularly distressing.

"The message is that people have control over whether or not they're victimized and I don't think that people do," Moore said from Mount Pearl, just outside of St. John's.

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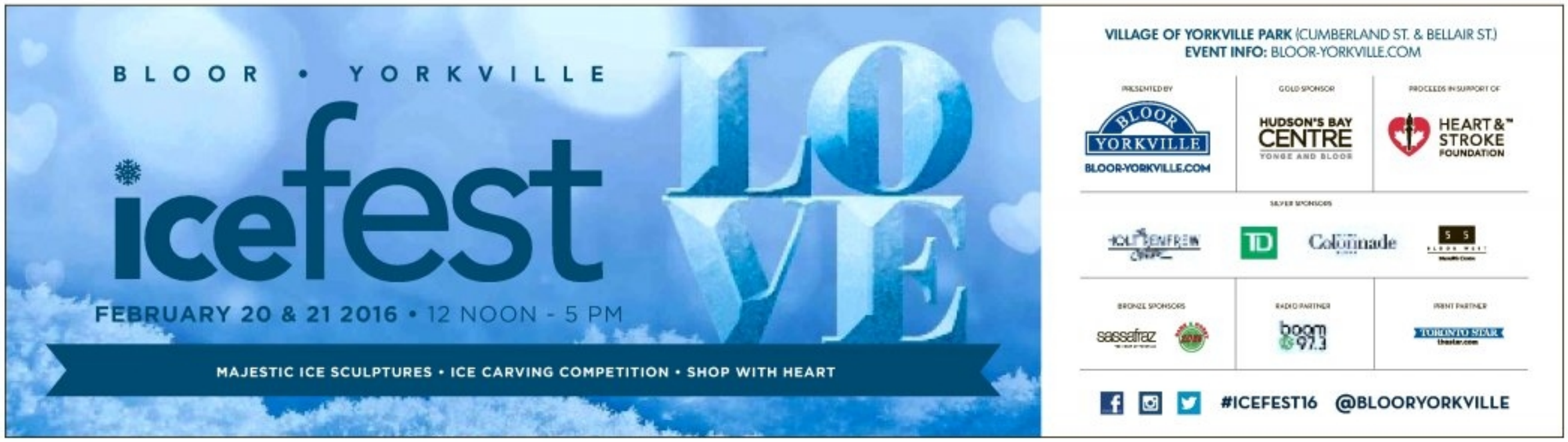

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1 **Danish aid worker Anja Ringgren Lovén and "Hope,"** saved from the streets of Nigeria.

2 **Toddler Hope** was abandoned by his family and left to die after he was accused of witchcraft.

3 **"Hope is getting so much better,"** Lovén says.

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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Photos spur rescue of Nigerian 'witch' boy

Photos of a starving Nigerian toddler have inspired a flood of donations to a little-known aid organization that seeks to rescue the growing number of children accused of witchcraft.

Danish aid worker Anja Ringgren Lovén posted photos of the emaciated little boy, whom she named "Hope," on Facebook on Jan. 31. Lovén had received a tip that Hope, who was no older than three years old, was abandoned by his family and left to die in the streets after he was accused of witchcraft.

"When we heard that the child was only two to three years old, we did not hesitate," Lovén told Huffington Post UK.

"A child that young cannot survive a long time alone on the streets. We immediately prepared a rescue mission."

Lovén founded the African Children's Aid Education and Development Foundation (ACAEDF) three years ago after travelling to Nigeria and being confronted with dozens of children such as Hope, she told the Huffington Post.

Hope was not her first rescue. In 2014, many media outlets reported that ACAEDF had rescued two eight-year-old children who were accused of witchcraft by their family and tortured.

> **When we heard that the child was only two to three years old, we did not hesitate.**
> Anja Ringgren Lovén

Poverty, the AIDS epidemic and wars have helped fuel the belief in witchcraft in sub-Saharan Africa, according to a 2010 report by UNICEF.

Often, children are blamed by those closest to them — their parents or guardians — for tragedies that are beyond their control, such as the death of a relative.

According to UNICEF, belief in witchcraft has been exploited by local churches and "pastor-prophets" who charge a fee to rid families of these malevolent spirits. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Heat is on worldwide

METEOROLOGY

'Extraordinarily hot' weather is tied to climate change: Expert

Global average temperatures hit a record high last month, according to data released by NASA.

A record-breaking anomaly — an increase of 1.13 C — was also observed in January compared to the average temperature recorded between 1951 and 1980, NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies reported this week.

"It's a snapshot into the future," Deborah Harford, executive director of the Adaption to Climate Change team at Simon Fraser University, said about the value of the data.

"It's useful because it can help us plan now for what we need to prepare for. One of the major changes in climate projected by climate models is that we'll have warmer, wetter winters. The fact that it's a hotter January is a good example of that," Harford said.

She said "extraordinarily hot" weather in recent years is tied to man-made climate change and processes like El Niño and the Pacific Decadal Oscillation, an El Niño-like pattern of ocean temperature changes in the Pacific Ocean basin.

A large band of territory across northern Canada, Alaska, Russia and the Arctic experienced the most pronounced warming last month, a map based on the recent NASA data showed. Temperatures in that area were 4 to 12.9 C warmer than the 1951-1980 average, NASA found.

According to Paul Beckwith, a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa specializing in abrupt climate change, the high Arctic is warming between five to eight times faster than the global average.

Beckwith said that warming in the Arctic is changing the behaviour of jet streams, which in turn influences the frequency, severity and duration of extreme weather events like torrential rains and droughts.

12.9 C

Temperatures in **northern Canada, Alaska, Russia and the Arctic** were 4 to 12.9 C warmer than the 1951-1980 average, NASA found.

Large parts of Canada have had very warm weather so far this winter, for example, while the East Coast has been hit with severe snowstorms due in large part to the evaporation of warmer surface water in the Atlantic Ocean, he said.

"The key point is the Arctic: What happens in the Arctic doesn't stay in the Arctic," Beckwith said.

And for the first time, global temperatures in 2015 were approximately 1 C above pre-industrial levels.

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REPUBLICAN RACE

'Torture works,' says Trump

"Torture works," Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump declared Wednesday, repeating his vow to bring back waterboarding and approve other, tougher interrogation techniques.

"Don't tell me it doesn't work. Torture works, OK folks?" the brash billionaire told a crowd in South Carolina, site of the next Republican primary on Saturday.

Trump has repeatedly advocated enhanced interrogation techniques for foreign prisoners, and he said again Wednesday he would "absolutely" allow waterboarding, which simulates the feeling of drowning.

"But we should go much stronger than waterboarding," he said. "That's the way I feel. They're chopping off heads. Believe me, we should go much stronger because our country's in trouble, we're in danger. We have people that want to do really bad things."

> **Waterboarding is fine, but it's not nearly tough enough.**
> Donald Trump

"Waterboarding is fine, but it's not nearly tough enough," he added.

Waterboarding was practised until late in the George W. Bush administration but was disavowed by President Barack Obama. A 2014 Senate Intelligence Committee report concluded that harsh interrogation techniques failed to produce information the CIA couldn't have obtained elsewhere or didn't already have.

Trump's comments could further alarm some Republican leaders, who fear Trump or Texas Sen. Ted Cruz will collect the delegates needed to secure the party's nomination before a more mainstream candidate can consolidate voters' support. So-called establishment Republicans worry that Trump or Cruz could jeopardize the party's chances of winning in November's general election.

"We do need to get the field down to Trump, Cruz and somebody," said Henry Barbour, a Republican National Committee heavyweight from Mississippi.

Candidates Jeb Bush, John Kasich and Marco Rubio are jostling to be that more mainstream candidate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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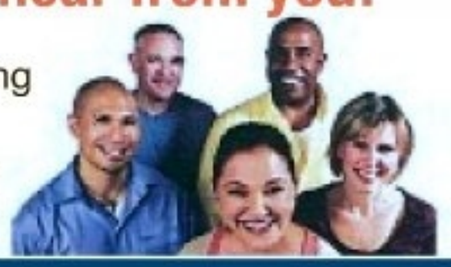
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HOME DECORATING

Retail giant eyes expansion of trade-in drive to Canada

Ikea is looking at bringing a "take back" program to Canada that would allow customers to trade furniture purchased from the Swedish furniture giant in exchange for store credit.

Under the initiative, mirrored after similar environmentally friendly initiatives in France and Belgium, the retailer would then resell the items or recycle them.

"If we can have an impact on people's lives at home, we could have a huge impact on the environment," said Ikea Canada president Stefan Sjostrand at the opening of a pickup and order location in Whitby, Ont.

Sjostrand was part of the team that brought the program to France, and says the same could be done in Canada, where Ikea operates 12 stores and three pickup and order locations.

He conceded, however, that the program could still be years away because Canadian stores don't have the capabilities to take back items now, even if only 10 per cent, or 2.7 million customers, returned their old furniture.

Last year, Ikea Canada had 25 million visitors in its stores and 75 million visits online.

The proposed initiative comes after Steve Howard, the head of sustainability at Ikea, told a conference in January that appetite for home furnishings in western countries has hit its "peak," prompting the world's largest furniture retailer to look at ways to encourage Ikea customers to repair and recycle.

Sjostrand said Ikea already has recycling programs for plastics, paper, light bulbs and mattresses in place in Canada, and was also the first retailer in the country to phase out the sale of incandescent light bulbs in favour of energy-saving LED bulbs.

Although it's taking a more planet-friendly approach to commerce, Sjostrand said this won't slow down its plan to open 12 more full-size stores over the next decade in Canada. The next location was recently announced for Halifax.

Bedding items are shown at Ikea's latest pickup and order store in Whitby, Ont. **The company is looking at bringing a "take back" program to Canada that would allow customers to trade old furniture in exchange for store credit.** DANE COOTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

For Ikea, brick-and-mortar stores are still its largest sales driver, accounting for about 93 per cent of sales last year. Canada has the most Ikea pickup and order locations out of any country, with the others opened last year in Spain, Norway, Finland and the United Kingdom. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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> Stefan Sjostrand, Ikea Canada

BOMBARDIER

Company cuts 7,000 positions

Bombardier is implementing one of the deepest job cuts in its history by eliminating 7,000 positions — including more than a third in Canada — though it took pains Wednesday to train the spotlight on a large plane order with Air Canada.

3,200

Of the 7,000 jobs, about **3,200 will be from the rail division.**

The layoffs represent close to 10 per cent of Bombardier's global workforce and are expected to take place over the next two years.

"Today I feel we have done our homework," CEO Alain Bellemare said. "We are at the right place and I feel good about our ability to turn Bombardier around."

Amid the bad news, there was a sign that Bombardier could be reviving its fortunes: a letter of intent that could see Air Canada buy 45 CSeries 300 planes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Apple CEO Tim Cook argues that helping the FBI hack the iPhone of one of the San Bernardino, Calif. shooters could compromise encrypted data for other Apple users. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

DIGITAL PRIVACY

Apple to fight court order to unlock shooter's iPhone

Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook says his company will fight a federal magistrate's order to help the FBI hack into an encrypted iPhone belonging to one of the San Bernardino, Calif., shooters. The company said that could potentially undermine encryption for millions of other users.

Cook's response, posted early Wednesday on the company's website, set the stage for a legal fight between the federal government and Silicon Valley with broad implications for digital privacy and national security.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Sheri Pym had ordered Apple to help the FBI break into an iPhone belonging to Syed Farook, one of the shooters in the Dec. 2 attack that killed 14 people. Farook and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, died in a gun battle with police.

The ruling by Pym, a former federal prosecutor, requires Apple to supply software the FBI can load onto Farook's county-owned work iPhone to bypass a feature that erases the phone's data after too many unsuccessful attempts to unlock it.

"This software — which does not exist today — would have the potential to unlock any iPhone in someone's physical possession," Cook wrote.

The magistrate's order requires that the software Apple provides be programmed to work only on Farook's phone, and said Apple has five days to notify the court if it believes the ruling is burdensome. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE ASSISTED-SUICIDE VANGUARD

In contrast with comparable debates, this one will see the Liberal party break with the tradition of allowing its MPs — even when it is in government — to vote freely on so-called issues of conscience.

When the House of Commons votes on medically assisted suicide later this year, it will be making history in two controversial ways.

So far, only a handful of countries have included the option of assisted suicide in their end-of-life medical protocol. The upcoming federal legislation will be taking Canada in relatively uncharted social policy waters.

And then in contrast with comparable debates pertaining to the death penalty, abortion rights and same-sex marriage, this one will see the Liberal party break with the tradition of allowing its MPs — even when it is in government — to vote freely on so-called issues of conscience.

It is hard to quarrel with the notion that medically assisted suicide falls in the limited category of policies that stand to go against the deeply held personal convictions of some MPs. When it adopted a provincial law along similar lines, the Quebec national assembly held a free vote.

At the federal level, the Conservatives will not impose a party line on their MPs. Nor will the NDP. In contrast with reproductive rights, the New Democrats have historically not championed medically assisted suicide. They, like their Conservative colleagues, will be free to make up their own minds as to whether to support the bill.

A government that cannot automatically count on its majority to get its way is more likely to be receptive to the arguments of all MPs.

But the Liberal decision to forego a free vote is part of a broader change designed to ensure Justin Trudeau's caucus walks the talk of the party's professed commitment to charter rights. That was not always the case in the past with divisions surfacing on votes on abortion and gay rights.

The new approach was part and parcel of the recent Liberal platform.

It could also be argued that forcing the party line on the majority Liberals removes any uncertainty as to the fate of the bill in the Commons.

The last time the House pronounced on the issue of medically assisted suicide an overwhelming majority of MPs — including an equally overwhelming majority of Liberals — voted against it by a margin of 228 to 59.

But that was at a time when the Supreme Court still held that the ban on the procedure was constitutional. Since then the top court has reversed itself.

Based on the recent past, that reversal would be grounds for many MPs to reconsider their position, regardless of whether the vote was a free one.

After the courts ruled in favour of same-sex marriage a bit more than a decade ago, many MPs who had previously supported the definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman changed their stance.

To make supporting the bill even easier, MPs will not actually be asked to give the green light to medically assisted suicide. That ship sailed when the Supreme Court struck down the Criminal Code sections that prohibited it.

The main purpose of the federal legislation currently being drafted against a court-imposed June deadline is to avoid a patchwork system of end-of-life care by putting in place a common national framework.

All that being said, in its quest to present a united front on an issue involving a charter right, Trudeau's government may be doing a disservice to the debate and to the legislation that will result from it.

A government that cannot automatically count on its majority to get its way is more likely to be receptive to the arguments of all MPs. The opposition parties, in return, are more likely to feel they have a stake in the resulting legislation.

One of the strengths of the Quebec law is that it was supported freely by a majority of MNAs of every political stripe. The four parties came away from the discussion feeling they had all had real input in the process.

As a result, the Quebec law is not at the mercy of a change in government and — even as it remains controversial in some circles — it is hard to make a case that is the product of an artificially imposed consensus.

And then, in contrast with their elected colleagues, all senators will be free to vote as they please on the legislation. By foregoing a free vote in the House of Commons, Trudeau is inviting the groups that are lobbying against the measure to make their stand in the upper house.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: A stitch in time

Embroidery, for centuries practically the only fine art form open to women, has gained a very 21st-century champion: Taylor Swift. The pop diva had a hoodie hand-stitched whimsically with her nickname, TayTay, and like many things rustic and retro, it was an instant hit on social media. Decorative sewing — on pillows, dish towels, wall hangings, clothes — was once an activity reserved for refined ladies in drawing rooms. Now it has taken on a decidedly punk flair (a related fad is "crass stitch." It's exactly what it sounds like). Major designers are releasing lines of embellished denim for spring, inspired perhaps by the ever-more-elaborate needlework showcased on Pinterest and Instagram. Much of it is designed digitally, then meticulously hand-sewn. And seemingly everybody is lining up to learn how: At an upcoming workshop in Toronto (two straight days of sewing!), the list of people interested outnumbers available spots by a factor of 20.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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No government has any business deciding who's press.

One year ago, Ezra Levant, king of right-wing punditry, launched a news website to "light a candle" after the death of Sun News Network.

He called it The Rebel, and promised to "rebel against the smug mainstream media.... Rebel against the idea that Jian Ghomeshi and Brian Williams are real journalists, but we're not, because we're direct-to-the-Internet."

Ghomeshi had been fired months before, but it was otherwise a prophetic statement: On Tuesday, Alberta's NDP government deemed that, no, The Rebel's staff are not real journalists.

"If you have testified under oath that you are not a journalist" — a disingenuous reference to Levant's claim to be a pundit, not a reporter — "then we don't consider you a journalist," it said in a statement, after banning two Rebel staff from press events in recent weeks.

Cue a national outcry over free speech. Cue Wednesday's backtracking of the ban: "It's clear we made a mistake," the premier's communications director said.

Indeed. No government has any business deciding who's press and who's not — least of all the Alberta NDP, which has enough problems as it is, chiefly the decimation of oil prices and its own dismal approval ratings.

In Alberta, reporters and photographers don't even have to be part of the provincial legislative assembly's press gallery (an organization of accredited media) in order to cover news conferences, said gallery president and Calgary Herald reporter Darcy Henton in a statement. He added the gallery's support for "the right of journalists to provide vigorous and diverse" political coverage.

That was a welcome shout-out from the "smug mainstream media" to The Rebel, which posted the statement. Elsewhere on its site, Faith Goldy, a former Sun personality, parodied the fiasco with a "coming out" video as a "real journalist." It's not funny (as she hopes) because it makes fun of LGTBQ people. It's funny because there's no definition of a "real" journalist.

This is an open and free profession. I don't have a degree in it. Anyone can start a news site. In Ottawa, BuzzFeed and Vice are in the press gallery. What I, or anyone, think of The Rebel's ideological slant is immaterial. It should have access to the government, like the rest of us, barring it doesn't break the law.

But the NDP? It can't even practise its own inclusive lefty idealism. Now it's having to review its media policies to save face, and The Rebel (predictably) has threatened to sue. But hey, that's its right.

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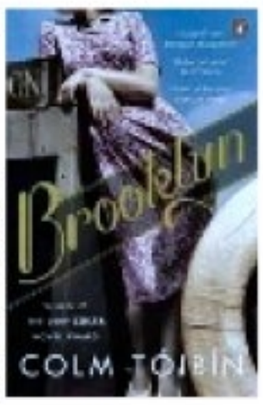
THE BOOK VS. THE MOVIE WHICH ONE IS BETTER?

Hollywood's gone book crazy if the latest Oscar noms are anything to go by. Six movies in the best film, best director and best adapted screenplay categories were originally books. Which prompts us to ask the age-old question: which is better, the movie or the book? TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

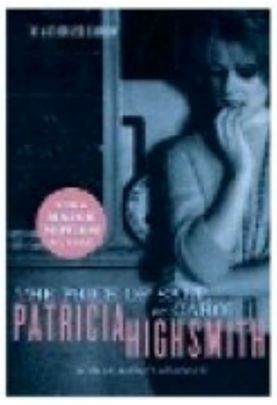
1 Brooklyn



Based on the 2009 novel by Colm Toibin

Brooklyn is one of those rare cases in which the novel and film complement each other rather than compete. The film brings a vibrant life to the story, while the novel allows for greater immersion and intensity. Each satisfies on its own, but they're best taken together.

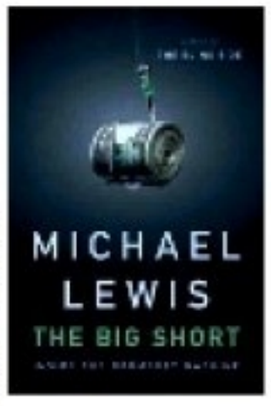
2 Carol



Based on the 1952 novel The Price of Salt by Patricia Highgate

Anyone who sees Carol should also be required to read The Price of Salt, to fully absorb the impact and significance of the story as well as the depth of what these people feel for one another. It's a love that defies convention but also one that is just like anyone else's.

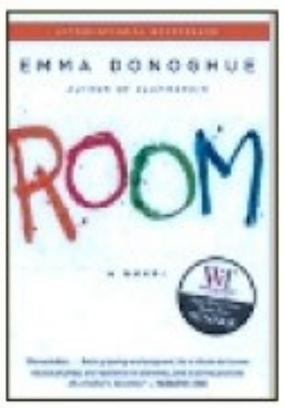
3 The Big Short



Based on the 2010 book by Michael Lewis

It's always tempting to come down on the side of the book, but a topic of such supreme denseness (we're talking subprime mortgages, collateralized debt obligations and credit-default swaps) needs all the help it can get. So the movie entertains and enlightens more than the book ever could.

4 Room



Based on the 2012 book by Emma Donoghue

The book asks more from us as all books do: to use our imaginations and interpret what we read through our own experience. But the movie was fantastic and evoked all of the emotions experienced while reading the book: fear, disgust, incredulity. So it's a bit of tie.

5 The Revenant

Based in part on the novel The Revenant by Michael Punke

The differences between the book and film are so significant as to raise questions about filmmaker Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's motivations. Why a climactic showdown, rather than the ending of the book? Why change Glass's back story to include a native wife and son? The book is a subtler, stronger piece of storytelling, but there is no denying the primal force of the film.

6 The Martian

Based on the 2014 book by Andy Weir

The page-turning plot transfers largely intact from author Weir's page to director Ridley Scott's screen. The movie is the better version of the story. Scott is a master at putting sci-fi sagas and worlds onto the screen, having previously done so with Blade Runner, Alien and Prometheus.

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William Shatner, right, is shown in 1978 with Star Trek co-star Leonard Nimoy, the subject of his latest memoir, Leonard: My Fifty-Year Friendship with a Remarkable Man. JLR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shatner on his frenemy Nimoy

MEMOIR

Star Trek co-stars were not speaking when Nimoy died

The walls and shelves inside William Shatner's office are covered with the kinds of memorabilia you'd expect from someone who's served for over 50 years as a pop-culture icon.

There are framed awards, art pieces, posters for Montreal sports teams and covers of his past books.

Shatner's latest memoir, Leonard: My Fifty-Year Friendship with a Remarkable Man, came out Tuesday. In the book, Shatner details his relationship with Star Trek comrade Leonard Nimoy, who died a year ago.

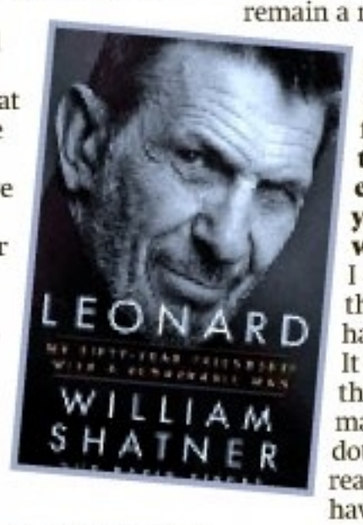
When he's asked about one image in particular — a picture of Shatner, Nimoy and their late Star Trek co-star DeForest Kelley — he doesn't remember where or when the picture was taken. However, he's struck by their body language. In the photo, Shatner and Nimoy are smiling together off to one side, while the Dr. McCoy actor appears more serious away from the duo.

"I suppose Leonard and I were closer than we were letting on even there," Shatner says with his eyes gleaming like he'd just discovered a new alien world.

The 84-year-old actor-writer spoke with The Associated Press last week about his on-again, off-again relationship with Nimoy from behind the desk in his office.

Why did you want to write a book about your relationship with Leonard?
It marks the period at the end of this long paragraph of our lives together. I thought I needed to say this for myself, but it may be of interest to other people.

Why do you think you and Leonard were close?
We were so much alike and had so much in common — both in our personal and professional history — that we were able to speak on terms that we both understood. I never had that before. (He was) a brother I never had. That's how he and I referred to each other.



How difficult was it to revisit your relationship? There were highs but also lows.
It was very difficult to be entirely honest with myself. I think sugarcoating was a possibility, and I didn't want to do that. This is the truth, as I see it. I'm not going to be around for a great deal more time, and (the book) will hopefully define, if someone is interested, what these two actors felt.

Eventually, Leonard and you weren't on speaking terms with each other. How do you feel about not having any closure with him before his death?
I feel a great deal of sadness. Here was this great friend who had a problem with me, and I don't know what the problem is — no matter what I tried to do. Leonard had done that more than once with other people. It was his means of protecting himself, in some manner. I don't know what it was. It'll remain a mystery.

How do you feel about criticisms from people that this book capitalizes on his death and you shouldn't have written it?
I don't understand that. Why not? It happened to me. It didn't happen to them. I have made many stories, anecdotes and dramatic readings of things that have happened to me.

You're not in the next Star Trek movie, right?
No.

Have you seen the previews for it? It looks like Chris Pine's Captain Kirk is engaging in motorcycle stunts on an alien planet. Did your Kirk ever ride motorcycle?
I'm a motorcyclist. I have been for a good part of my life. Kirk has not been on a motorcycle. Kirk has been weightless and far exceeded being on a motorcycle.

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The many ways to look at a fat girl

SHORT STORIES

Mona Awad gets personal about body image in book

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Mona Awad's 13 stories tell the tale of suburbanite Lizzie as she transforms from 'fat girl' to thin woman. CONTRIBUTED

Anyone who has ever deleted an unflattering selfie or faced the mirror with a sigh will relate to some aspect of Mona Awad's series of connected stories, 13 Ways of Looking at a Fat Girl, published by Penguin Canada.

Drawing from personal experience, Awad digs deep into the complexities of body image, and how we see others and ourselves.

She first explored the topic through personal essays, but found real freedom and honesty through fiction. Told through 13 vignettes, the often-funny stories follow tough-minded yet vulnerable suburbanite Lizzie as she transforms from a "fat girl" teenager to a food-obsessed thin woman.

The book travels with young Lizzie from Misery Saga (a.k.a. Mississauga) and the goth clubs of Toronto's Queen West neighbourhood to an adulthood marked by body-conscious health clubs and boutique clothing stores.

"There are all these different ways in which body image affects our lives, and certainly that what I observed with other people who have struggled with this," Awad says.

"I was interested in how body image affected the dynamics in friendship, and how it affected your relationship to sex, to your husband, to your mother, to clothes and food and yourself, and how that might change — or not — depending on how you feel about your body."

Although Lizzie loses weight and develops into a thin adult, her former self never completely vanishes.

She later returns to the plus-sized clothing store Addition Elle, the scene of much teenage distress and frustration with its proliferation of glittery, rhinestoned animal-patterned shirts.

In a short, taut story named after the store, Awad deftly sums up the complex emotions many of us face at one point or another in a dressing room.

"It's just clothes but the relationship is just so charged," says Awad.

"Addition Elle really unlocked something for me. There's a lot of anxiety there, a lot of desire, and hope and frustration."

Awad, who grew up in Montreal and Toronto, and is now pursuing her PhD in creative writing and English literature at the University of Denver, wrote 13 Ways of Looking at a Fat Girl in part because she observed a lack of narratives that handle body image in a way she desired.

"I wanted to explore the underside and complications around transformation, and ask the question: when you change, can you really change? Do you leave a former self behind, or is it still informing the way you are in the world and interact with people, and the way you see yourself?"

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

GOSSIP BRIEFS

Middleton uses HuffPo to kick off mental health project

Prince William's wife Kate guest-edited the British edition of news website The Huffington Post on Wednesday to help raise awareness of the "devastating" issue of children's mental health. The mother-of-two launched a global initiative, Young Minds Matter, as she took over the site, writing: "For too long we have been embarrassed to admit when our children need emotional or psychiatric help." Kate said that she and William, the second in line to the British throne, "would not hesitate to seek help" for their children, adding that they hoped "to encourage George and Charlotte to speak about their feelings." AFP

BOOK EXCERPT **THE WIDOW BY FIONA BARTON**

'My husband died three weeks ago'

Fiona Barton JUSTYN WILLIS

England's Fiona Barton is an international media trainer working in developing countries and was formerly a senior writer for the Daily Mail. She also worked as a news editor at the Daily Telegraph and as chief reporter at The Mail on Sunday. It was her experience covering notorious crimes and trials that inspired her to write The Widow, her first novel. The Widow, now in stores, is a psychological thriller that gives an acute portrait of a marriage in crisis.

I can hear the sound of her crunching up the path. Heavy footed in high heels. She's almost at the door, hesitating and smoothing her hair out of her face. Nice outfit. Jacket with big buttons, decent dress underneath and glasses perched on her head. Not a Jehovah's Witness or the Labour party. Must be a reporter, but not the usual. She's my second one today — fourth this week, and it's only Wednesday. I bet she says, 'I'm sorry to bother you at such a difficult time.' They all say that and put on that stupid face. Like they care.

I'm going to wait to see if she rings twice. The man this morning didn't. Some are obviously bored to death with trying. They leave as soon as they take their finger off the bell, marching back down the path as fast as they can, into their cars and away. They can tell their bosses they knocked on the door but she wasn't there. Pathetic.

She rings twice. Then knocks loudly in that rap-rap-rappity-rap way. Like a policeman. She sees me looking through the gap at the side of my net curtains and smiles this big smile. A Hollywood smile, my mum used to say. Then she knocks again.

When I open the door, she hands me the bottle of milk from the doorstep and says, 'You don't want to leave that out, it'll go off. Shall I come in? Have you got the kettle on?'

I can't breathe, let alone speak. She smiles again, head on one side. 'I'm Kate,' she says. 'Kate Waters, a reporter from the Daily Post.'

'I'm —' I start, suddenly realizing she hasn't asked.

'I know who you are, Mrs Taylor,' she says. Unspoken are the words: You are the story. 'Let's not stand out here,' she says. And as she talks, somehow, she's come in.

I feel too stunned by the turn of events to speak and she takes my silence as permission to go into the kitchen with the bottle of milk and make me a cup of tea. I follow her in — it's not a big kitchen and we're a bit of a squeeze as she bustles about, filling the kettle and opening all my cupboards, looking for cups and sugar. I just stand there, letting it all happen.

She's chatting about the units. 'What a lovely fresh-looking kitchen — I wish mine looked like this. Did you put it in?'

It feels like I'm talking to a friend. It isn't how I thought it would be, talking to a reporter. I thought it would be like being questioned by the police. Thought it would be an ordeal, an interrogation. That's what my husband, Glen, said. But it isn't, somehow.

I say, 'Yes, we chose white doors and red handles because it looked so clean.' I'm standing in my house discussing kitchen units with a reporter. Glen would've had a fit.

She says, 'Through here, is it?' and I open the door to the living room.

I'm not sure if I want her here or not — not sure how I feel. It doesn't feel right to protest now — she's just sitting and chatting with a cup of tea in her hand. It's funny, I'm quite enjoying the attention.

I get a bit lonely inside this house now that Glen is gone.

And she seems to be in charge of things. It's quite nice really, to have someone in charge of me again. I was beginning to panic that I'd have to cope with everything on my own, but Kate Waters is saying she'll sort everything out.

All I have to do is tell her all about my life, she says.

My life? She doesn't really want to know about me. She hasn't walked up my path to hear about Jean Taylor. She wants to know the truth about him. About Glen. My husband.

You see, my husband died three weeks ago. Knocked down by a bus just outside Sainsbury's. He was there one minute, giving me grief about what sort of cereal I should've bought, and the next, dead on the road. Head injuries, they said. Dead, anyway. I just stood there and looked at him, lying there. People were running round finding blankets and there was a bit of blood on the pavement. Not much blood though. He would've been glad. He didn't like any sort of mess.

Everyone was very kind and trying to stop me seeing his body, but I couldn't tell them I was glad he'd gone. No more of his nonsense.

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Jutra's name pulled from film awards

BIOGRAPHY

Announcement made amid claims of child molestation

Quebec's film industry has decided to withdraw the name of alleged pedophile Claude Jutra from its annual awards show.

Québec Cinéma made the announcement Wednesday, a few hours after Culture Minister Helene David asked the organization to consider yanking Jutra's name from the awards, which honour the best in Quebec cinema.

A biography released this week said Jutra slept with young boys, while La Presse quoted a man Wednesday as saying the late filmmaker began touching him when he was six years old and that the abuse escalated over a 10-year period.

Patrick Roy, head of Québec Cinéma's board of directors, said he and his colleagues were "deeply upset" by the abuse the man allegedly suffered at the hands of Jutra.

"That's what has prompted us to change the name of the gala," he told a news conference.

The man interviewed by La Presse said Jutra was a friend of his parents.

"He would always bring me presents," he said. "I was happy to see him. I was a kid. I would jump on his back and he would make me roll over. Everyone had the impression it was good fun."

The alleged victim said Jutra would lie beside him in his bed and ask for long hugs before he began touching the boy's genitals.

He said the abuse then heightened over the years and involved masturbation and oral sex.

No new name has yet been set for the next gala, which is scheduled for March 20.

David also requested a list of all the places in Quebec that bear Jutra's name so municipalities can decide whether to keep them as is.

"I'm very very troubled and so sad about what I read this morning," David said in Quebec City.

Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre also weighed in Wednesday, saying the city would move to withdraw Jutra's name from a downtown park as well as from a street in an east-end borough.

The biography of Quebec filmmaker Claude Jutra by author Yves Lever accused the famous director of sleeping with young boys. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coderre said he could not "defend the indefensible."

The film director committed suicide in 1986 after battling Alzheimer's disease. The Jutra Awards, which recognize the best in Quebec cinema, have been named after him for nearly 20 years.

The biography, which was released Tuesday, says Jutra had a penchant for sleeping with young boys.

The allegations in Yves Lever's Claude Jutra, biographie upended the province's film world and forced Québec Cinéma to say it was forming a committee to determine whether to keep the awards show named in his honour.

Lever said Jutra, whose body of work included Mon oncle Antoine and Kamouraska, "especially liked boys of 14 or 15 and even younger."

> **"I was a kid. I would jump on his back and he would make me roll over. Everyone had the impression it was good fun.**
> Alleged victim

No complaints were ever filed with authorities.

Later on Wednesday, the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television, which hands out the Claude Jutra Award for the year's best feature film by a first-time director, announced it was dropping his name.

"In light of recent developments, the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television will rename its Claude Jutra award to the Canadian Screen Award for Best First Feature," Academy chair Martin Katz said in a statement.

That award, which began in 1993, is separate from the Quebec ones. THE CANADIAN PRESS

STREAMING

Study shows slow internet is bad for your health

Video streaming delays generate as much stress as watching a horror film, the Swedish telecom company Ericsson said Wednesday.

Ericsson, which sells equipment to mobile telephone companies to accelerate download speeds and prevent delays or buffering, said its study measured the heart rate, brain activity and eye movements of people watching videos on a mobile phone.

People were asked to perform tasks on deadline, during the study, which required them to watch a badly buffered video download. Subjects experienced an average heart rate jump of 38 per cent, according to Ericsson.

If this buffering delay lasted six seconds, "the stress response to delays was similar to that of watching a horror movie or solving a mathematical problem and greater than waiting in a checkout line at the grocery store," Ericsson said in its quarterly report on trends in the mobile internet.

The test was conducted in Denmark, a country which boasts some of the world's fastest mobile internet speeds, averaging 22.3 megabits per second in 2014, according to researchers at the Finland's Aalto University.

Over the last twelve months global mobile data traffic, which includes streaming, increased by 65 per cent, according to Ericsson. AFP

TV BRIEFS

CBC re-orders comedies

CBC has ordered more of its biggest comedies.

A third season of Schitt's Creek will debut in winter 2017. The single-camera sitcom stars Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara as a couple who loses their fortune and moves their family to a small town they bought as a joke.

A sixth season of the classroom comedy Mr. D has been green-lit for a fall premiere, while the sketch comedy series This Hour Has 22 Minutes launches its 24th season this fall. Also returning is Rick Mercer Report for its 14th season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Dating is not comedy, it's misery

THE SHOW: Love, Season 1, Episode 9 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The Fight

Gillian Jacobs and Paul Rust in the Netflix series Love. CONTRIBUTED

Mickey (Gillian Jacobs, Community) and Gus (Paul Rust, a co-creator of the series) don't look like they belong together. He's a geek, a pushover, but he has integrity. She's a bombshell who refuses to understand that she creates her own messes. They started hanging out. He fell hard. She slept with him to see what it was like. Now he's the one who's not calling her back, and she's barged into his workplace.

"Surprise, I'm not the cool girl," she says. "I'm not some girl you f— to prove that you can be dangerous and not some huge dork."

"So that's what I am to you, just this dork," he counters. "Who you f—, and then feel like you're getting your life together because you're f—ing a nice guy and not a piece of sh—."

The argument, and the show, from comedy overlord Judd Apatow, is certainly zeitgeistastic — one of many about millennials struggling to believe in love (Master of None, Girls, UnREAL, You're the Worst). They're not comedies, they're miseries.

Love inverts the standard relationship equation: She's the casually destructive reprobate, he's the romantic. It's about guys who feel left behind because they aren't into hookups, and girls who aren't sure how to navigate their desires.

But what makes it the show for this moment is this: In a culture where we spend much of our lives standing back from ourselves, packaging curated versions on social media, we end up not knowing what's real. Could it be called Love?

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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From nest egg to down payment

HOME OWNERSHIP

Does it make financial sense to withdraw from RRSPs?

Chris Lackner

Are you buying a home sweet home or a money pit? Raiding RRSPs to purchase property is all a matter of perspective — and age.

Withdrawing from RRSPs early can drastically undercut retirement income, according to financial experts. But some of that risk is mitigated for prospective land owners.

The first-time homebuyer tax credit is a viable mechanism for people to withdraw RRSP contributions for their down payment, says Chris Buttigieg, senior manager of wealth planning strategy for BMO Wealth Management.

"Home ownership in Canada hasn't been a bad investment," Buttigieg says. "For first-time homebuyers, and in particular young people, coming up with funds for a down payment is a stretch — especially in this environment (of) student debt, and (unstable) employment."

It's all about hitting that 20 per cent down payment mark, says Charmaine Huber, a certified money coach, and TV host of Your Money Your Business. Homebuyers who fall under that threshold face a three to five per cent premium from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation. So accessing RRSPs can save money, at least at face value, for first-time house hunters.

The homebuyers' plan allows for a maximum, tax-free RRSP withdrawal of $25,000 — which can mean as much as $50,000 for a couple with ample registered retirement savings. But withdrawing RRSP contributions is only fiscally sound if repayment is prompt and consistent, Huber explains.

"There are penalties for not meeting your (annual) payments," she says, noting homebuyers have to start repaying their RRSP two years after a purchase. "If you don't meet you minimums… you'll be paying more in taxes."

Huber tells buyers' to craft a "saving plan for repayment" from Day 1. Both experts' advice is to work ahead of the 15-year term of annual minimum payments. Unlike new RRSP contributions, these repayments do not reduce yearly taxable income, Buttigieg explains. Plus, losing out on your RRSP tax-free interest can be costly. "You lose that compounding effect," Huber says. "You have to stay disciplined, save, and make sure you pay that money back (quickly)… By default, people tend to focus on that minimum. (But) they won't be doing themselves any favours."

For those not buying a first home, any RRSP withdrawal is considered taxable T4 income, and could even push an individual into a higher tax bracket, Buttigieg explains.

An inaugural primary residence is one thing, but Buttigieg cautions against plundering RRSPs for a vacation property, secondary home or rental property. It's called a retirement savings plan for a reason.

More Canadians should heed his advice. A 2015 Bank of Nova Scotia survey found that 4 out of 10 Canadians access their RRSPs before retirement. While 16 per cent were first-time home purchasers, others withdrew their retirement nest egg to cover things like vacations, renovations, appliances, and even day-to-day expenses.

As people age, tapping into RRSPs for a first-time property makes increasingly less sense.

"You should be aiming to retire with no mortgage or debt at all," says Huber. "If you got started later in life and it's the only way to get into the market, you may have to do it… but don't take money out if you're, say 60, and retiring in the next five years."

Repaying RRSPs past 71 can be problematic, Buttigieg adds. That's the age Canadians are required to liquidate or convert RRSPs to a registered retired income fund. Any RRSP withdrawals need to be repaid fully at that point, or they become taxable income.

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Meeting the neighbours

CONDO TRENDS

Developers try to show community they're an asset

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canad

From movie nights to barbecues, pop-up stores to block parties; throughout the year, Toronto's condo developers sponsor all manner of events and promotions to break the ice with their new communities and engage local residents and prospective buyers.

It's all about bringing the community together through inclusive free events, providing information and connecting with potential purchasers.

The Minto Group has been active in Toronto condo development and understands the importance of engaging the community before breaking ground.

The potential purchaser for these developments is the urban consumer who is interested in being involved in the community and neighbourhood events.

Amanda Wilson Watkins is Minto's VP of marketing and sales, and she says that community involvement is part of their philosophy. "

Minto Westside condos Summer Block Party featured a collection of shipping container pop-up shops and a photo booth. CONTRIBUTED

> **It's really important for the developer when going into a neighbourhood to have that open level of communication.**
> Ralph Fox, broker, Sage Real Estate

Mainly, it shows that we're invested in the community that we're building in. To be able to connect into the fabric of the community is important to us."

For purchasers, these condo events are a great way to get to know the neighbourhood, to shop the area and dine at the restaurants that may become their new local. "It also shows our investment in the neighbourhood, in terms of what the restaurants and retailers and community services have to offer," says Wilson Watkins.

"To us, we're not just selling the building, we're selling the lifestyle of the community, particularly when you have great submarkets like the King West area and Yorkville."

This weekend, Minto will be participating in the Yorkville IceFest, sculpting an eight-foot condo made of ice to celebrate the launch of their new Minto Yorkville Park condominiums.

Ralph Fox is a broker with Sage Real Estate, representing Aragon Properties' condo developments.

Special guests, including Team Canada Olympic athletes and various government officials, were on-site at the Minto block party. CONTRIBUTED

"There's generally a level of mistrust between the community and a developer doing something in their neighbourhood." he says.

Fox stresses the importance of keeping the community informed.

"It's really important for the developer when going into a neighbourhood to have that open level of communication, to let people know truly what their intentions are and how they're there to try and make the neighbourhood a better place." says Fox.

"And when ultimately that happens, the purchasers win, the neighbourhood wins and the developer wins."

Each summer, the Bloordale BIA runs a festival called Big on Bloor. "With Aragon's Enigma on the Park project, we've participated in the local fair. It's all local retailers and artisans in the area and they shut down Bloor Street for the weekend."

This weekend the Minto Group will reveal an eight-foot ice sculpture as part of the Yorkville IceFest, Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. Check it out at the Village of Yorkville Park at Bellair and Cumberland.

Fifth in The Six

CONTRIBUTED

Project overview

Fifth on the Park is Emerald City's fifth and newest residential condominium tower in Toronto's North York neighbourhood. The master-planned community is anchored at Don Mills Road and Sheppard Avenue at the edge of Parkway Forest.

Building amenities

Residents will have access to an indoor pool and hot tub, saunas, a yoga room and a fitness room. There's a lounge and dining room with a fully-equipped kitchen and an outdoor patio with dining area.

Location and transit

Emerald City is centrally located, with the Don Mills and Sheppard intersection boasting a walk score of 80. It's a short distance to the Don Mills TTC subway station, and motorists have fast access to Highways 401, 404 and the Don Valley Parkway.

In the neighbourhood

The community is close to a wealth of shopping and entertainment venues, restaurants and services, with the Fairview Mall located across the street. The nearby Parkway Forest Community Centre features a gymnasium, weight room and dance studios.

DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: Fifth on the Park at Emerald City
Builder: Emerald City Developments IV (B2) Inc.
Architect: WZMH Architects
Interiors: II BY IV DESIGN
Location: 50 Forest Manor Rd., North York
Building: A 24-storey tower with approimately 263 units
Sizes: From 493 to 818 square feet.
Pricing: Starting from the mid-$200,000s
Suites: One bedroom plus den, one bedroom plus flex, two bedroom and two bedroom plus media room
Status: Pre-construction phase
Occupancy: June 2018
Sales centre: Don Mills and Sheppard across from Fairview Mall
Hours: Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekends 12 to 5 p.m., Fridays closed
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Website: fifthonthepark.ca

ADVICE

Be very careful if looking to sell your own home

LEGAL MATTERS

Jeffrey Cowan

Q: I am considering selling my house and I hear that the market is really hot and I could probably do it myself. What do I need to know legally to take on this task and what should I avoid?

A: I want to first state that nothing can replace the knowledge and marketing savvy of a qualified realtor. Having someone negotiate on your behalf also cannot go unnoticed.

However, if you are planning on going it alone you had better have your lawyer prepared to assist you with the contract and you need to hone your negotiating skills.

It is hard for me as a practicing lawyer to give advice to a vendor in a timely manner when I have a number of current files that need to be attended to. There are a number of available pro forma contracts out there that can help you move your sale forward, but you still need a legal begal to look over the final contract before you sign on the dotted line. Be very careful and be well informed.

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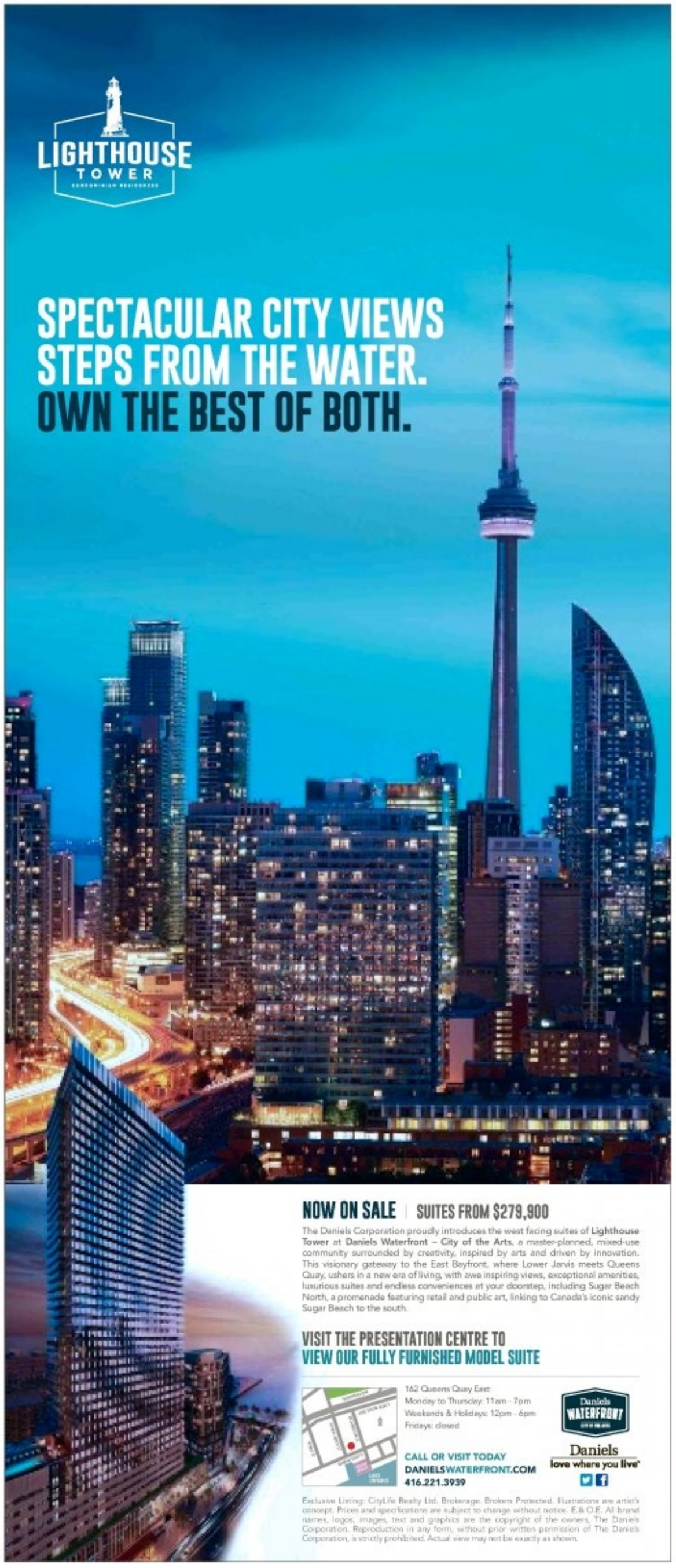

REAL ESTATE

What's hot on the market

DUNCAN MCALLISTER

1 LOWER JARVIS

Investment Seminar: Alex J. Wilson presents a talk on how to make money investing in condos. Loblaws community room, 10 Lower Jarvis St., on Feb. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. Space is limited, so RSVP soon. CONTACT: 416-996-5181, CONTACT@ALEXJWILSON.COM

2 YONGE AND EG

Open house: Here's a two-bedroom suite at Neon Condos that will be shown this weekend, steps from the Eglinton subway. Check it out at 414 - 58 Orchard View Blvd., on Feb. 20 and 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. CONTACT: CAMERON WEIR, 416-847-0920 OR SCOTT HANTON, 416-887-2530

3 WATERFRONT

Now on Sale: The Lighthouse Tower condos at Daniels Waterfront - City of the Arts. Head over to the presentation centre at 162 Queens Quay E. CONTACT: 416-221-3939, DANIELSWATERFRONT.COM

Innovative techniques to manage stormwater

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

Prior to the 1980s, not a lot of attention was paid to managing rainfall or melting snow after a large storm. The main challenge back then was water quantity — containing and re-directing water during major storms.

A common strategy used then was dry stormwater ponds that could be incorporated in parks, soccer pitches or baseball diamonds.

These recreation facilities, like Ada Mackenzie Park in Richmond Hill and Aldergrove Park in Markham, do double duty by controlling stormwater during major storms when the parks weren't being used due to inclement weather.

Since then, things have changed.

Rules and regulations for water quality control and environmental protection have been legislated and the focus of stormwater management techniques has shifted to water quality. One of the most visible tools used has been wet stormwater ponds, which look like a natural green space while retaining and treating stormwater.

The building and development industry designs and builds them as part of developing new communities and municipalities are responsible for maintaining them. The maintenance alone can be challenging and expensive.

In recent years, engineers and environmental scientists have been innovative in creating alternative strategies.

One such alternative is referred to as low impact development or LID.

It is a planning and engineering design approach that seeks to mitigate the impact of stormwater and is a toolkit of sorts with technologies and techniques to harvest, filter, detain and infiltrate stormwater.

LID technology and techniques can use both private and public property and many help to achieve environmental sustainability targets.

The industry sees an opportunity in enhancing and evolving the use of recreational parks.

Improving on the techniques used in the 1980s, integrating stormwater management and low impact development tools while maximizing the land use can be a win-win.

One of the first new neighbourhoods to integrate this improved technique is The Vales of Glenway project, a residential development with 185 new homes under construction now in Newmarket that I've written about in a past column.

The team led by developers Bazil Developments and builders Mosaik Homes worked closely with municipal and conservation authority staff to find innovative solutions to manage stormwater using LID techniques and set a new precedent for years to come.

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Do it yourself: the terrarium

HANDY WORK

Create your own mini garden

Terrariums continue to trend, and for the plant-obsessed urban dweller they are a great small-space solution. A miniature garden under glass is a fun and easy way to add a little greenery to an indoor space. A great gift for a green thumb, all that's required are a few materials from your local garden shop to create a stylish tabletop garden.

Step 1: Gather and shop for the supplies

- Glass containers
- Plants
- Activated charcoal
- Soil
- Small stones or pebbles

Step 2: Add a layer of stones to the container

Add a 1" (2.5-centimetre) layer of stones or pebbles to a clean, dry glass container. The stones will help provide drainage.

Step 3: Add a layer of charcoal to the container

Add a ½" (about 1 centimetre) layer of charcoal on top of the stones. This will help keep the soil free from mould.

Step 4: Add soil to the container

Add enough soil to the container to allow your plants to fit comfortably.

Step 5:Add plants

Place your plants in the soil. Add a little extra soil to cover the roots and cover the plants evenly. Place the terrarium in location that gets indirect light. Water lightly and enjoy.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TIP

Terrariums tend to thrive in a well-lit space with indirect light. Don't overwater. If the plants look a little droopy or the soil is dry it is time to lightly water.

Or, four to buy

If you love the idea of a terrarium but don't want to get your hands dirty, we've sourced a handful of places that deliver some greenery right to your tabletop.

1 Fish bowl terrarium by Eco Stems

Made to order, ecostems.ca. $35, plus $15 shipping within Metro Toronto, delivery available throughout the GTA. This Toronto flower shop sells local, organic and fair trade flowers and plants.

2 Fern terrarium by Pistil Flowers

Made to order, pistilflowers.com. $60, plus $15 shipping. In the heart of the financial district, this shop creates customizable terrariums that can be delivered throughout the GTA.

3 Terrarium by Crown Flora Studio

Prices and product vary, crownflorastudio.com. Contact shop for more details. On-trend terrariums in stylish vessels are available to order via this chic Toronto floral studio. DIY workshops are also available.

4 Large glass terrarium with mixed succulents by Botany Flowers

Made to order, botanyflowers.ca. $75, plus $15 to $20 shipping. A modern floral studio offering a variety of fresh, seasonal designs, including flowers and foliage grown on their organic farm.

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The new nursery for 2016

TRENDS

Everything from gender neutral to baby glam goes

Baby, it's a brand new year. And when it comes to creating the perfect sleep space for little ones, there are more fun options than ever. Styles range from haute to homespun, vintage to vanguard. A look at some of the best:

Interior designer Naomi Alon urges parents to use baby rooms as a space to let their own imaginations run wild. HANDOUT

> **The nursery is just as much about the parents as it is about the baby, and making it a place where mom and dad feel comfortable is key.**
>
> Naomi Alon, Interior designer

Blurring the lines

Traditional parameters like gender-specific motifs and colours, and room-specific furnishings, are giving way to a more free-spirited approach. Designers are deploying to the nursery dressers, credenzas, art, lighting, mirrors and seating more typically found in grown-up rooms like the master, dining or living room.

Joanna Gick and Jennifer O'Dowd, interior designers in Scottsdale, Ariz., like to use vintage dressers, toys and books as nursery inspiration. Art's a big element, too.

"Gallery walls seem to be a hot trend," Gick says. "The fun thing about them is they're totally customizable to the child's interests, and easy to swap out as they grow. We like to use mixed media — prints as well as wood and metal sculptures — to create a really interesting gallery."

Baby glam

Parents-to-be should view the baby's room as a place to let their own imaginations fly, says Naomi Alon, owner of the Irvine, Calif.-based Little Crown Interiors.

"I encourage my clients to think about the nursery as their inner child's fantasy space," she says.

"This is the one room in their home where they can get away with neon pink wallpaper or an over-the-top chandelier. The nursery is just as much about the parents as it is about the baby, and making it a place where mom and dad feel comfortable is key."

In one of Alon's favourite projects, a nursery in Newport Beach, Calif., she used pink and gold damask wallpaper, a baroque mirror, organza furniture skirts and a big fluffy rug to create a glamorous, girly confection.

Los Angeles duo Emily Current and Meritt Elliot designed gold, arrow-shaped lamps and finials, and gold-woven storage bins for their new Pottery Barn Kids collection. A bold, black-and-white diamond pattern graces a quilt. RH Baby & Child's new collection features upholstered cribs resembling wing chairs; conversion kits allow them to be turned into beds down the road. There's a big selection of chandeliers, too.

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RENOVATION

Bathrooms on a budget

You may aspire to a spa-like bathroom, complete with marble tile floors, mosaics on the walls, teak shower details and more. Chances are those champagne tastes are supported by a ginger ale budget.

Yet you can drink in the same sense of luxury as technological advancements in porcelain tiles can now give you the look with a less expensive product.

High-tech printers have made it difficult to tell the difference between real stone and the new porcelains. CONTRIBUTED

MARBLE-LOOK PORCELAIN:
This traditional looking bathroom should be very high end and high priced. The three dimensional wall tile and inlaid floors may give you the look of natural stone but it's all porcelain. Stone tile would be $18 or more a square foot but this product comes in at approximately $6.50 a square foot (depending on size and design).

LARGE FORMAT:
Taking the tile up the wall is a style seen in high-end European hotels: a beautiful, luxe appearance that certifies quality. It's also easy to care for and keep clean. In North America, the cost of covering all the walls in stone is prohibitive — $20 a square foot, plus installation requires greater skills. This marble-look porcelain product is approximately $6 per square foot and porcelain installation would be closer to $4 square foot.

WOOD LOOK:
The combination of materials like wood and travertine stone, coupled with a beautiful bowl-shaped tub, simply shouts "luxury!" But at $22.50 a square foot in this 10-by-12-foot room, the math can be frightening. Plus it would require slabs of natural stone and oiled hardwood, extraordinary tradesmen to install and a maintenance schedule to clean and reseal every year. With this porcelain, the price is closer to $9 a square foot; the wood-look tiles are $5.50 a square foot.

WIDE-BOARD TEAK LOOK:
The rustic look of barn board-wood walls, combined with modern sinks and faucets, are perfect for a warm and rustic spa. This door-free style of shower helps to give the space a sense of vastness while the wide-board wooden wall tiles at 8-by-48 inches are textured to also make them feel warm. At $5.75 a square foot, the look is affordable and maintenance free. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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NBA

Gasol capable of transforming quality team into contender

The last time that Pau Gasol was traded, his new team hoisted the Larry O'Brien trophy 16 months later.

That 2008-09 L.A. Lakers team, led of course by Kobe Bryant at his peak, had a lot of championship pieces in place before Gasol arrived. There was centre Andrew Bynum, Lamar Odom at forward and future Golden State Warriors assistant coach Luke Walton behind him on the bench. They had plenty of guard depth by the time the next season rolled around, with Derek Fisher, Shannon Brown, Jordan Farmar and Sasha Vujacic. But it wasn't until Gasol arrived in a blockbuster deal on Feb. 1, 2008 — 20 days before the trade deadline — that the Lakers' championship hopes became an imminent reality.

Now 35 and a Chicago Bull, Gasol is seemingly up for grabs again, a big, difference-making name making noise against the ticking clock that counts down to Thursday's 3 p.m. trade deadline. The seven-foot centre is coming off of his sixth all-star showing over the weekend in Toronto and if he went to the right team — the Raptors would be an intriguing match — he could very well raise his new club's stature and their chances at major post-season success.

Gasol can opt out of his contract this year to become a free agent. He's had a very successful season with Chicago, where he has been putting up 17 points and almost 11 rebounds per night. If he were to find a home with a solid point guard and a team in need of a versatile and experienced centre — think Toronto, Boston, even Oklahoma City — it has the makings of a perfect match, depending on what has to be surrendered in the deal.

Just about every year, teams make deals ahead of the trade deadline, hoping for the gold that Lakers GM Mitch Kupchak struck in pulling Gasol to L.A. eight years ago. Those quick payoff deals are few and far between, though.

On Feb. 19, 2004, the Detroit Pistons were able to take Rasheed Wallace from the Atlanta Hawks — a team Wallace called home for one game after being dealt by Portland — and went on to upset Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and the Lakers for the 2004 championship. The Philadelphia 76ers snagged Dikembe Mutombo in 2001 and made it to the final that year, falling to a younger Lakers team with Bryant on it.

The Houston Rockets swung a Feb. 14, 1995 deal with the Trail Blazers for Clyde Drexler, which fuelled their unlikely repeat championship run (the Rockets won as the No. 6 seed, the lowest-ranked champion ever).

Gasol has the experience to win and the poise required to join a team for its final stretch of the season and help take it to a level that it may not have been to yet.

The power structure atop the NBA likely won't change on Thursday, regardless of what deals are done, but Gasol landing in the right situation could bring his team right onto the heels of the Cleveland Cavaliers, the San Antonio Spurs and the Golden State Warriors.

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3.1 million

Sunday's broadcast from the ACC was the most-viewed NBA all-star game in Canada since 1996. A total of 3.1 million unique viewers watched the TSN and Sportsnet simulcast of the TNT broadcast, the NBA said Wednesday in a release.

A record 3.1 billion impressions and 453 million video views of NBA all-star content were generated across social platforms from Feb. 12-15, the league said.

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Pau Gasol is averaging 17 points, 10.9 rebounds and two blocks per game with Chicago this season.

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BOXING

Nike dumps Pacquiao

Manny Pacquiao's comments disparaging gays have cost him his contract with apparel giant Nike.

The company issued a release Wednesday saying it has dropped the Filipino boxer after he was quoted as saying gay people "are worse than animals."

Nike called Pacquiao's comments "abhorrent" and said the company strongly opposes discrimination of any kind and has long stood up for the fights of gays.

Pacquiao, who meets Timothy Bradley on April 9 in what could be his last fight, apologized Tuesday for the remarks made a day earlier. In them, Pacquiao said it was just common sense that animals are not gay.

Pacquiao, who is running for a Philippine Senate seat, made the remark in a video posted Monday on local TV5's election site. He also said animals are better than people in same-sex relationships because they recognize the difference between males and females.

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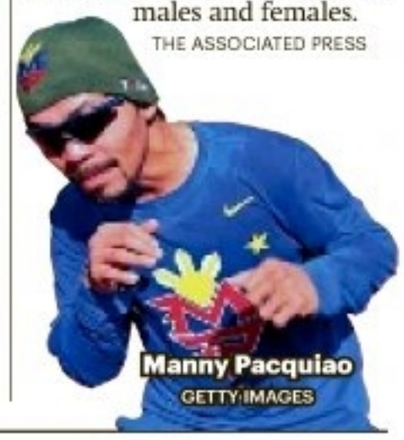

Manny Pacquiao

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NHL

Leadership void in Leafs locker-room

The Toronto Maple Leafs sensed Dion Phaneuf's absence in between periods of a recent loss to Chicago.

Their dressing room at United Center was unusually quiet in the intermissions. It was the kind of void Phaneuf usually filled in his six years as Leafs captain.

"That's why we miss him a lot," Roman Polak said after a Wednesday practice in Toronto. "He knew exactly what to say at that time. We miss him a lot."

Mike Babcock, the Leafs head coach, opted not to fill the captaincy for the remainder of this season.

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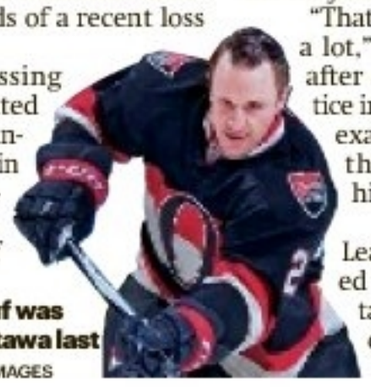

Dion Phaneuf was traded to Ottawa last week. GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

NHL upholds Wideman ban

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman upheld Calgary Flames defenceman Dennis Wideman's 20-game suspension for cross-checking a linesman. The NHL announced the appeal decision Wednesday.

Wideman met with Bettman at a hearing in New York last week after the player appealed the suspension handed down Feb. 3 by NHL senior executive vice-president of hockey operations Colin Campbell.

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Draxler leads Wolfsburg over Ghent with a brace

Julian Draxler scored two goals to lead Wolfsburg to a 3-2 away win over Champions League newcomer AA Ghent in the Round of 16 on Wednesday.

At 22, Draxler confirmed himself as the new creative force of a team which had been struggling, scoring just before and just after halftime in the first leg match.

Wolfsburg held a three-goal lead before Ghent scored in the 80th and 89th minutes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Real makes Zidane a winner in elite play

Cristiano Ronaldo ended his away scoring drought with an impressive second-half goal as Real Madrid won 2-0 at Roma on Wednesday in the first leg of the Round of 16 in the Champions League.

The victory also marked a successful debut for Zinedine Zidane as Madrid's manager in the elite competition, with the 10-time champion taking a big step toward the quarter-finals.

It was Ronaldo's first goal on the road since Nov. 29, when he scored a penalty against Eibar.

"Everyone expects (Ronaldo) to score and today he was able to," Zidane said. "I'm happy for these two away goals and that we didn't concede any goals."

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Zinedine Zidane

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LEADING OFF

Pillar willing to be catalyst at top of batting order

The Toronto Blue Jays head into spring training next week without a clear leadoff hitter on their roster.

Centre-fielder Kevin Pillar believes he can fill that void.

The Blue Jays, who traded prototypical lead-off man Ben Revere to the Washington Nationals for reliever Drew Storen this off-season, open camp Sunday when pitchers and catchers report to Toronto's spring facility in Dunedin, Fla. The first full-squad workout isn't until Feb. 26 but Pillar has been at camp for weeks getting an early start on his pre-season training.

He's already put some thought into his place in the big-league lineup.

"I definitely can see myself batting leadoff," Pillar said in Toronto recently. "It's a role I've been in in the minor leagues.... My mindset doesn't change whether I'm hitting first or eighth or ninth. Wherever they put me in the lineup my job's to get on base and score runs, allow the big boys to drive me in." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pillar stole 25 bases and was caught just four times in 2015. In his first full season with the team, he also batted .278 with a .314 on-base percentage.

Unfinished product

Once again, the Blue Jays are built to slug. The core of the offence that topped baseball with 891 runs last season is back. But if the starters can't deliver, it won't matter how many home runs are hit. Here are some storylines to watch as the Jays get set for spring training:

1 Vacant No. 5

Candidates for the fifth starter's spot include right-hander **Aaron Sanchez**, who began 2015 in the rotation but returned to the bullpen following a mid-season muscle strain; right-hander Jesse Chavez, another former Blue Jay who was acquired from Oakland last November; oft-injured righty Gavin Floyd; and right-hander Drew Hutchison, Toronto's opening-day starter in 2015.

5 Who's left?

Revere's departure created Toronto's only position battle, with Canadians Michael Saunders and **Dalton Pompey** set to compete for the left-field job. Saunders injured his knee in spring training last year and played just nine games. Pompey, 23, spent much of the season at Triple-A but saw action as a pinch-runner in the post-season, stealing four bases.

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2 Core questions

Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion both have a year remaining before becoming eligible for free agency. New president Mark Shapiro and general manager Ross Atkins have held preliminary talks with Bautista, 35, and Encarnacion, 33, about new deals, and more substantive talks are possible during spring training.

3 Opening at closer's spot

Unflappable rookie Roberto Osuna emerged as Toronto's closer in 2015, saving 20 of 23 chances with a 2.58 ERA. But the January trade that saw reliever **Drew Storen** join the Jays has created competition for the ninth-inning role. In early February, Atkins said Toronto likely will use at least half of spring training, and maybe more, to make a decision.

4 Who's No. 1?

To acquire Storen from Washington, the Blue Jays gave up Ben Revere, who served as Toronto's leadoff hitter in the playoffs. With second baseman **Devon Travis** (left shoulder surgery) set to begin the season on the disabled list, the job could be won by centre-fielder Kevin Pillar, one of several Blue Jays players who arrived early at spring training for extra work.

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Taurus April 21 - May 21
You have important things to do and only a limited amount of time in which to do them. But sharing the load with friends and colleagues will mean sharing the rewards as well.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Keep a cool head and don't let anyone tempt you to do something silly. The planets will put some way-out ideas into your head over the next 24 hours but, on this occasion, they are the kind of ideas you must reject.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You know you're in the right and you know that no one can stop you from following the path you've chosen to take. So why do you still hesitate?

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Money worries seem to be on your mind a lot of late but there is no reason to panic. What is the worst that could happen? And if it did happen, would it really be so bad? Expect some positive financial news.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may think you understand what makes a partner tick but something will happen that makes you realize just how little you really know about them. Never mind. You will get the chance to know them better.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Get over the idea that you must do it all on your own, especially on the work front. No matter how ambitious you are you'll reach a point when you can't go further without assistance. Ask for it and you will get it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Know what you're getting yourself in for before backing someone else's creative venture. Just because you trust them does not mean they know what they're talking about.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Minor disagreements could easily get out of hand over the few days, so think before you speak and, if someone says something you do not agree with, don't make an issue of it.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It may seem as if the world is ganging up on you but that is an illusion and you know it. Others are not blaming you for what has gone wrong, they are just pointing out where they think you could have done better.

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Makes: 14 silver dollar-sized cakes

Ingredients
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 2 eggs
- 1 zucchini, grated
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onion, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 cup spelt flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp grape seed oil

Directions
1. In a medium sized mixing bowl, whisk the eggs and corn together. Stir in the carrot, zucchini and green onion. Add the flour and salt and mix well.
2. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat and then drop heaping tablespoons of batter into skillet. Press down on the batter to form a pancake.
3. Cook the pancake until it's golden brown and then flip and cook on the other side.
4. Remove pancakes from the pan and place on paper towel. Serve with sour cream, a sprinkle of green onions and a side salad.

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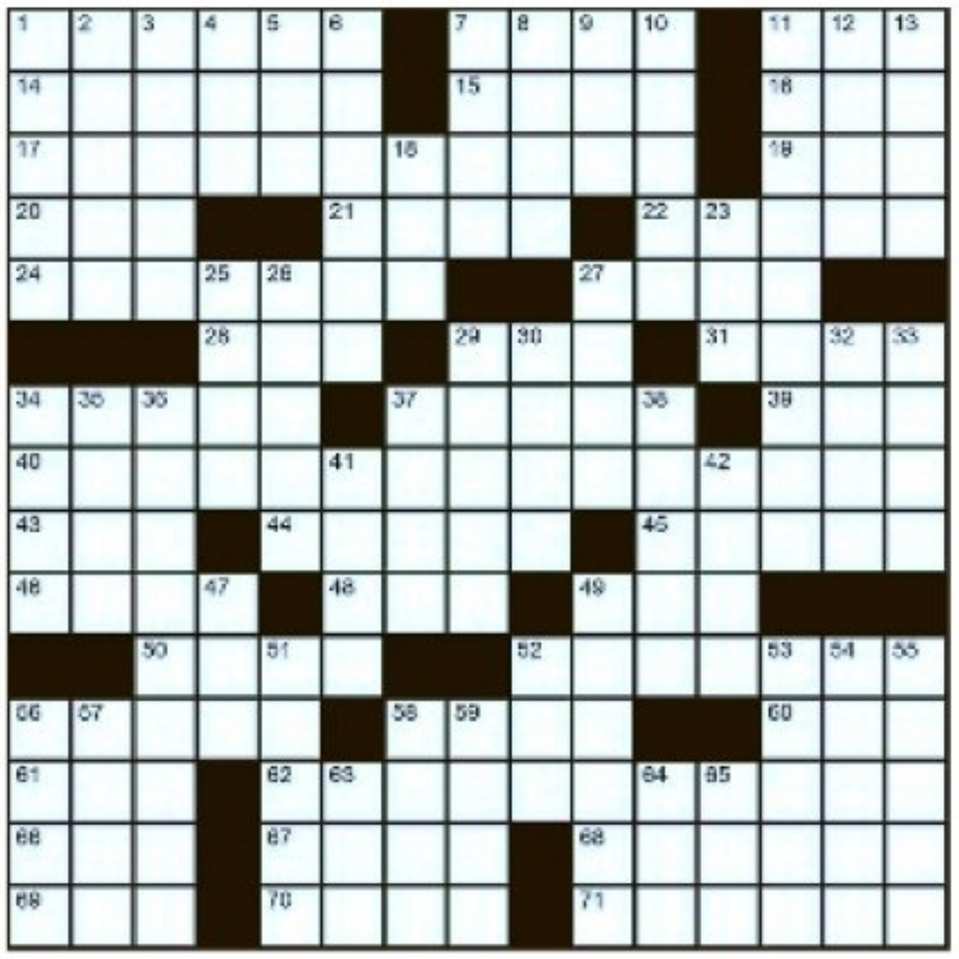

ACROSS
1. '80290 _': Brand new album by #7-Across which re-imagines hit tunes from 1980 to 1990
7. Alan _, Canadian singer/songwriter
11. Fellowship [abbr.]
14. Shakespeare: King of Naples in The Tempest
15. 'Chick' suffix
16. Ms. Zadora
17. Shreddies: 2 wds.
19. _ tree
20. Eden lady
21. Life planet perhaps
22. "Someday" on #1-Across was a 1986 hit for #7-Across' band _ Tiger
24. Canadian distiller, Joseph E. _ (b.1841 - d.1919)
27. Nobleman
28. Ballroom judge Mr. Goodman
29. Whoopi Goldberg's Oscar-winning role in "Ghost" (1990), _ Mae Brown
31. "Star Trek" episode, _ Time
34. 1940s jazz
37. Canadian _ Company
39. Trellis plant
40. Area for 'Arrivals' or 'Departures' on CBC show "Hello Goodbye": 2 wds.
43. Pique
44. Symbolic pole
45. Basket-making fibre
46. Virtually
48. "The _ Squad"
49. Mister, in India
50. Retain
52. Error
56. Orange variety
58. Plaintiff
60. Mariner's dir.
61. Mode's 2-word intro
62. "Don't You Forget About Me" on #1-Across was originally a 1985 hit for what band?: 2 wds.
66. 'Oldes' partners in pub names
67. _ out a living
68. In, in other words
69. Established
70. Like Mother Nature's morning coat
71. Music enhancer

DOWN
1. Rushes
2. Student: French
3. _ _ suit (Didn't dress casually)
4. 'Salt' suffix
5. U.S. intelligence org.
6. Sweater sleeve style
7. Jamie of "M*A*S*H"
8. Suggested nutritional amts.
9. 'Velvet' suffix
10. Lemon _ (Food flavourer)
11. Wrigley's gum flavour
12. Petroleums
13. Photography needs, briefly
18. Slamming sound!
23. Farm field
25. Lunchtime lumpful
26. Transplant in the greenhouse
27. Catherine _ (Wife of Henry VIII)
29. Chose
30. Regard
32. President's _ Office
33. Reality star Ms. Richards (Paris Hilton's aunt)
34. "Mission: Impossible" actress Barbara
35. Emerald entity
36. When #17-Across gets served usually
37. Mr. Preminger
38. Mideast chieftains [var. sp.]
41. Lark about
42. Ancient Egyptian goddess
47. NHL official
49. Sea nymphs
51. Alleviated
52. Funnyman Mr. Brooks
53. Luciano Pavarotti's voice
54. Provide, as with a trait
55. Basil/pine nuts sauce
56. T.O. baseballers
57. Sailing side
58. Type of diving duck
59. _-daisy
63. 34th Pres.
64. Word: French
65. 'Meteor' suffix

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